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# MITCH CUP DOUBT

**THERE are serious doubts about David Mitchell being available for Australia's World Cup challenge later this year.**

Mitchell flew into Melbourne last week from Hong Kong where he has been playing with the Seiko club.

He told me the main reason for his return was to bid for a place in the Soccerro World Cup line-up.

**BY DAVID JACK**

But Mitch has a groin injury which may require surgery and this has cast a shadow over his soccer future.

At the family home in Adelaide, Mitch said he would be examined by a top medical man tomorrow (Tuesday) and he fears the specialist will advise an operation.

"That would put me out of action for five or six weeks," he said.

Last year, after representing Australia in the World Soccer Series, Mitchell underwent an operation, also on his groin, but that was on the other leg.

The former Adelaide City and Sydney City forward, who made first team status in Glasgow with the Rangers, is very keen

to play for Australia in the international series to be played here at the end of next month.

And absence from that series certainly would not help Mitch's bid to play in World Cup eliminations against Israel, New Zealand and Taipei starting in September.

It is not just injury which clouds this very good player's future.

Mitchell has been banned for 12 months from playing in Asia, following a mass brawl when he played for Seiko (Hong Kong) against Lioning (China) in the Asian Cup.

He was sent off in that game and suspended for two matches, but the 12 months ban was not imposed until six weeks after the dust-up.

Seiko will appeal against the sentence and Mitchell is expecting the 12-months suspension to be lifted.

But the big danger — as far as Australia's World Cup planning is concerned — is that the Asian ban might become world-wide and this could prevent Mitchell playing for Australia.



DAVID MITCHELL wearing the Soccerro jersey

## NSL PLANNING SHOCK SWITCH

SAYS GREG RUSSELL

**TWO Sydney clubs could be approached to join the Melbourne teams in the National League Southern Division next year to make way for the two Queensland sides in the Northern Division.**

Poorly-supported clubs Sydney City and Penrith are the likely targets.

It is hoped to convince the clubs that their spectator appeal would be enhanced by the novelty factor of hosting Melbourne sides. It would also create a Sydney-Melbourne link between the two divisions.

"Clubs like South Melbourne and Melbourne Croatia would draw big crowds in Sydney," NSL general manager Mr Stefan Kamasz said.

The plan, which will be discussed at the National League executive meeting on June 28, has boosted the flagging hopes Brisbane City and Lions had of getting out of the Melbourne-dominated Southern Division.

City and Lions claim they have a traditional and geographical right to be included in the Northern Division with the Sydney clubs.

The two Queensland sides, which were placed with Melbourne and Adelaide teams in the Southern Division to balance the two divisions at 12 teams each, agreed to the placement as they were half-promised a switch with the two Canberra clubs, Canberra City and Inter Monaro, at the end of this season.

That proposal was all but thrown out the window last month when officials from the two A.C.T. sides bitterly opposed a move out of the Northern Division. They said it could be the death knell for their clubs.

Kamasz has admitted a lot of lobbying and convincing is ahead before any Sydney clubs would agree to a switch, but he firmly believes the idea is a more feasible alternative than a direct switch of the Bris-

bane and Canberra clubs.

As the Canberra clubs pointed out, by switching them into the southern division it would create for Canberra and Monaro the same problems that would be solved for Brisbane City and Lions.



STEFAN KAMASZ

But there is growing support for the Brisbane teams to join the NSW clubs and the Queensland sides are prepared to lobby heavily to gain a switch.

The switch proposal is one of several key agenda items on the June 28 executive meeting in Sydney.

A new NSL Cup format also will be discussed, with Kamasz pushing for a revised draw which will be orientated towards maximum television coverage.

The first round would be regional, possibly involving State Federation sides to leave 16 finalists.

"It takes 15 games then to reach the final and ideally we would like one game per week through the season, similar to the format of Rugby League's National Panasonic Cup, with SBS now screening in Brisbane and Adelaide, as well as Sydney and Melbourne, the television audience has been greatly increased and the Cup looms as an attractive proposition to a sponsor," Kamasz said.



# SCOREBOARD

## NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

### ROUND 16:

SYDNEY CROATIA 5 (E Krncevic 2, Z Jurin, J Patikas, G Arnold) WOLLONGONG 1 (P Willis) at Croatia Sports Centre. Crowd: 3,463.  
 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (D Provan 2, M Koussas goals) ST GEORGE 1 (V Bozanic goal) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 3,273.  
 SYDNEY CITY v LEICHHARDT at Sydney Athletic Field — postponed.  
 PENRITH 1 (I Wotherspoon) CANBERRA CITY 2 (M Lamond 2) at Cook Park. Crowd: 202.  
 CANBERRA 3 (T Byrne, T Sermanni, M Lamond) NEWCASTLE 1 (D Stewart) at National Sports Centre. Crowd: 810.  
 SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (J Patikas, E Krncevic) ST GEORGE 2 (P Petkovski, T Morgan) at Croatia Sports Centre. Crowd: 6,324.  
 WOLLONGONG 0 PENRITH 0 at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 680.  
 SYDNEY CITY 2 (M Barnes, J Kosmina) MONARO 2 (A Ambrosino, W Willox) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 650.  
 BLACKTOWN 0 MARCONI 2 (R Brown, D Lowe) at The Gabbie. Crowd: 1,320.  
 LEICHHARDT 1 (T Morsello) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (P Raskopoulos, S Johnston) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 4,575.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	15	10	4	2	39	18	24
Marconi	14	9	4	2	32	17	22
Sydney City	14	9	3	2	29	15	21
Sydney Olympic	15	9	1	6	21	20	19
Canberra	15	6	4	6	25	26	17
Blacktown City	16	6	3	7	24	20	15
St George	14	4	5	6	18	20	13
Inter Monaro	16	5	3	8	22	32	13
Penrith City	15	3	6	7	18	21	12
Apia Leichhardt	14	5	1	8	17	21	11
Newcastle Rosebud	14	3	4	9	17	32	10
Wollongong City	15	3	4	9	19	38	10

## NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

### ROUND 16:

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (R Bassingthwaite) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (D Brown) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 712.  
 MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (A Ljubic 2, J Biskic, G Ward) BRISBANE CITY 1 (P Carey) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 850.  
 FOOTSCRAY 1 (T Karic) BRUNSWICK 1 (R Cullen) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3000.  
 HEIDELBERG 1 (S Tassios) WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Heidelberg. Crowd: 900.  
 SUNSHINE 2 (D MacLaren, C Gilder) GREEN GULLY 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 5000.  
 ADELAIDE CITY 1 (J Mullen) PRESTON 2 (S Smith, W Spink) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1,500.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick Juve	16	9	5	2	26	14	23
South Melbourne	16	9	14	3	27	18	22
Heidelberg Utd	16	8	4	4	25	14	20
Melbourne Croatia	16	8	4	4	20	11	20
Sunshine GC	16	6	6	4	17	13	18
Preston	16	7	2	7	23	23	16
Brisbane Lions	15	5	4	6	14	19	15
Adelaide City	16	5	4	7	25	27	14
West Adelaide	15	5	3	8	20	25	13
Brisbane City	15	5	2	8	20	29	12
Green Gully	16	3	4	9	14	23	10
Footscray	16	3	2	11	15	30	8

## NSL TOP SCORERS

### NORTHERN DIVISION

12 — Arnold (S. Cro), Patikas (S. Cro)  
 9 — Jankovics (M), Brown (M)  
 6 — McKie (B), O'Connor (B), Kosmina (S. Cit), Farina (S. Cit)

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

12 — Egan (SM)  
 10 — Stevenson (H)  
 9 — Price (WA)  
 8 — Sweeney (BJ), Smith (P), Latif (SGC)  
 6 — Lewis (GG), Ward (MC), Spink (P), Brown (SM)

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## NSW STATE LEAGUE

### TNT SKYPAC SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Melita Eagles v Bankstown N	4-1	9-0	3-2
Warringah N'been v Polonia	1-3		
Manly Warringah v Fairy Meadow	0-1	0-1	1-1
Ku-ring-gai v U'guay Auburn	1-0	4-3	0-1
Rockdale Ilinden v Avala	0-1	2-0	2-2
Cant M'ville Oly v Polonia	2-0	3-2	3-4
Sutherland v Warringah N'been	0-0	3-1	7-0

### TNT SKYPAC LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fairy Meadow	11	8	2	1	16	6	18
Ku-ring-gai	12	7	4	1	17	8	18
Parramatta Melita	12	7	3	2	25	12	17
Canterbury-M'ville	12	6	3	3	29	16	15
Avala	12	5	5	2	17	9	15
Sutherland	10	5	3	2	20	8	13
Rockdale Ilinden	11	3	5	3	17	12	11
Manly Warringah	10	3	4	3	11	10	10
Uruguay Auburn	10	1	4	5	6	13	6
Warringah N'been	11	1	3	7	4	25	5
Bankstown National	10	0	1	9	3	24	1
Polonia	11	1	1	9	9	31	3

### STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Campbelltown C v Queens Park	0-0	0-2	1-1				
Gladesville Hornsby v Penrith Utd	4-0	4-0	1-3				
Gladesville Hornsby v SSC Yugal	3-0	3-1	2-1				
Penrith Utd v Blacktown Utd	1-6	0-3	3-1				
Cant & Dist v Artarmon	0-0	1-3	2-4				
Nth Bankstown v Dee Why	2-2	2-1	5-0				
Wollongong M v Bathurst '75	4-0	2-2	2-1				

### SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W'gong Macedonia	11	10	1	0	27	6	21
Gladesville Hby	10	7	1	2	18	8	15
Blacktown United	9	6	0	3	23	9	12
Queens Park	7	4	2	1	12	4	10
North Bankstown	10	4	2	4	14	9	10
Yugal	10	3	3	4	18	15	9
Artarmon	8	3	3	2	14	9	9
Campbelltown City	8	4	1	3	10	7	9
Bathurst '75	9	2	3	4	15	16	7
Dee Why	9	1	2	6	6	21	4
Canterbury & Dist	9	1	2	6	5	26	4
Penrith United	9	0	2	7	6	35	2

### STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Bondi Marine v Campbelltown Dist	4-1	2-1	3-0				
Granville Dist v Uni of NSW	0-0	1-0	Uni-for				
Rooty Hill v King Tomislav	1-3	2-2	3-0				
Kingsford v Mt Druitt	3-1	2-0	1-5				
North Ryde NSL v Port Hacking	3-1	2-4	2-1				

### THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsford	10	5	5	0	24	13	15
North Ryde	10	7	0	3	20	10	14
King Tomislav	10	5	3	2	17	11	13
Baulkham Hills	10	4	3	3	9	12	11
Bondi Marine	9	4	4	1	18	10	12
Rooty Hill	10	3	2	5	20	14	8
C'belltown Gunners	10	2	4	4	13	17	8
Granville District	10	2	4	4	15	18	8
Moorebank L'pool	8	3	1	4	9	14	7
Port Hacking	8	2	2	4	9	15	6
Uni of NSW	9	1	4	4	7	13	6
Mt Druitt Town	8	1	2	5	8	24	3

### INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
West St George v Lane Cove	5-0	2-1
Fairfield Kiev v Hurstville	3-3	0-1
Sydney Uni v Spanish Club	3-5	5-1
Eastwood St A v Hurstville	2-1	5-1
Padstow Park v Fairfield Kiev	3-1	2-1

### INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Trasandinos v Chile Sports	1-1	3-1	
Maroubra v Macarthur	2-0	0-1	
Chelsea v Pagewood	1-0	1-1	
Hawkesbury v Green Valley	2-2	0-0	
Macquarie Uni v Liverpool City	2-0	2-1	
Wentworth v Concordia	2-3	3-5	

### INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Smithfield v Rosebery	1-4	0-6	
Dulwich Hill v Blacktown Wanda	1-0	1-0	
Welcome v Sydney Maccabi	0-3	2-1	
Rangers Hadjuk v Chullora	1-1	2-0	

### INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Macedonia Yagoona v Murray Farm Rangs	2-0	2-0	
Petersham v Colo Colo	1-4	2-5	
Nepean Rovers v Jedinstvo	1-0	6-1	
Macedonia Yag. v Nepean Rovers	2-1	4-1	
Blacktown Workers v Greenisland	0-10	0-9	
Argentinian L v Murray Farm Rangs	1-0	2-0	
Jedinstvo v Lansvale Utd	1-5	1-3	

### INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Luddenham Croatia v Fairfield Ath.	0-0	0-2	
Santiago Wands v Highlands	3-4	1-2	
Abruzzi v Hellas Poseidon	1-0	6-0	
Crescent Star v Abruzzi	1-1	1-0	
Hellas Poseidon v Columbian	0-0	2-4	
Amal v Cyprus Utd	1-3	0-3	

## MARCONI A THREAT

BY NEIL JAMESON

MARCONI did nothing to diminish the impression that they are a championship force as they rolled Newcastle 2-0 in their deferred match at Adamstown last Wednesday.

If the Fairfielders needed motivating to continue their winning run they found it in the fact that their ex-Newcastle trio of Lowe, Mason and Tredinnick were understandably keen to win this one.

Lowe put his side on the roll in the 28th minute when he held the ball cleverly and despatched it to Brown into the box. The striker charged towards the left upright and flighted his cross beyond the back stick where Paul Carter arrived to head fiercely into the net.

Newcastle, showing far commitment than they have for some weeks, almost matched Marconi in the midfield ex-changing but lacked the extra class.

The score stayed at 1-0 for 46 minutes during which time Newcastle might have fancied their chances of equalising if it were not for the manner in which the entire Marconi crew stuck to the task.

That period proved that if courage, skill and the ability to concentrate count for anything, Les Scheinflug's boys could give the title a real shake.

Newcastle's brightest spell came midway through the second half when teenage fullback Mark Jones, a real talent in the making, got on the end of a 62nd minute raid to fire a 25 metre rocket just over the bar.

But Marconi put it all to rest in the 74 minute. Newcastle held off as Mason ran 30 metres to the right of goal before picking out Brown with a pinpoint cross towards the far post.

The striker headed the ball down and, just as Clint Gosling appeared to have it covered, it struck a defender's toe and squirted along the deck into the net. Referee Owens, however, awarded the goal to Brown.

While Newcastle boss Willie Gallagher was left to ponder his growing relegation problems, Marconi's Les Scheinflug reflected on the growing confidence and morale within his ranks.

Man of the match: Craig Mason, more motivated than anybody else, stood out in a very comprehensive team performance.

MARCONI: McPherson, Carter, Sterrey, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Jenkovics (Sharne 58) Tredinnick.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maler, Power (Todd 81) Boogaard, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Kerby, D Jones (Milosevic 68) Stewart, Brandt.

Referee: A. Owens. Crowd: 1100.



CRAIG MASON...keen to win

SOUTH MELBOURNE have renewed their interest in Socceroo David Mitchell, currently in Australia.

According to club sources, Len McKendry is not overly pleased with the performance of Doug Brown and is desperately scanning the market for a replacement forward.

## MANIS GRABS GOALS

BY JIM JONES

AFTER a depressing recent run of outs, Canberra City were delighted to get two points from their rearranged match against Penrith at Cook Park.

Their match-winner was the young man from Papua New Guinea, Manis Lamond, who contributed both goals in the 2-1 victory.

But things looked bad for the visitors early on when Ian Wotherspoon scored a perfect goal to put Penrith in front - after only two minutes.

It didn't take Canberra long to equalise when Lamond was too quick for the Penrith defence, scoring in nine minutes.

The winning goal from Lamond was scored when he ran in from the left to shoot past goalkeeper Mike Gibson after half an hour.

Although the A.C.T. side scored no second half goals, Penrith coach Willie Wallace paid them the compliment of saying Canberra gave his team a football lesson and could have scored more times.

Jeff Ainsworth and Mickey Cross were back on duty for Penrith but this was not destined to be a good day for the Panthers.

Man of the match had to be MANIS LAMOND for two obvious reasons.

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# BRUNSWICK FAIL TO CASH IN

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS squandered a sterling opportunity to consolidate their lead in the Southern Division of the National League.

The current leaders of the division were held to a 1-1 draw by relegation candidates Footscray at Schintler Reserve.

The draw was an anticlimax following Juventus's convincing win over South Melbourne last week, and upset its loyal supporters who had anticipated an advantage of three points by the end of the day.

Robert Cullen put Juventus in the lead after 31 minutes and although they looked certain winners, young Tom Karic grabbed the equaliser one minute into the second half for the teams to remain deadlocked until the final whistle.

In a stark contrast Melbourne Croatia enhanced their chances of climbing to the top with a comfortable 4-1 win over Brisbane City, at Olympic Park.

Croatia's new recruit Ante Ljubic led the onslaught with two successive goals in the 4th and the 12th minutes.

Brisbane City revived their hopes in the 28th minute when Carey reduced the

margin scoring the consolation goal.

But Croatia midfielder Josip Biskic, playing his first game after a trip overseas, sunk City's hopes with the third goal in the 57th minute.

Gary Ward completed the triumph six minutes before full time scoring Croatia's fourth goal.

A midweek change of coaches made no difference at all to trouble-torn Green Gully.

Bobby McLachlan resigned from his position as coach of Green Gully and former player Steve Short was offered the opportunity to try his fortunes as a coach in the National League.

His appearance in the dressing room, however, made no difference as Green Gully suffered another battering in the Maltese Derby, going down 2-0 to the rejuvenated George Cross team.

Two late goals gave George Cross the points and helped them consolidate their position in the top five in the Southern Division.

Don MacLaren broke the drought in the 70th minute and two minutes before full time Carl Gilder scored the second goal.

A late goal also enabled Heidelberg United to earn full points from a slender 1-0 win over rivals West Adelaide at Olympic Village.

Coach Garvey's experiment with youngsters paid dividends for yet another week.

Having defeated Brisbane City last Sunday, Garvey showed remarkable faith in the young players that helped lift the side from the doldrums, and kept Steve Winn, Scot Paterson and Mike Valentine out of the side.

Following a mediocre first half, during which both sides lacked enthusiasm and fighting spirit, Heidelberg assumed control of the game in the second half and forced West Adelaide into desperate defence.

Heidelberg's efforts bore fruit four minutes before full time when Steve Tasios headed in the net a cross by Stuart Stevenson.

# PERFECT GUEST

ALTHOUGH there were great celebration in the Sydney Olympic camp after their 2-1 win over Apia Leichhardt at Lambert Park yesterday, there was also a deep feeling of emptiness

BY TOM ANDERSON

For this match heralded the last appearance of their guest superstar Davie Provan a man with the magnificent record of having played five games, won five and scored five goals for his adopted club.

The last appearance of Provan yesterday was one of mixed fortunes for the talented Scot.

He had a big hand in both Olympic goals scored by Peter Raskopoulos in the 26th minute and Stuart Johnston in the 44th and he also rattled the Apia crossbar with a magnificent free kick in the eighth minute.

But Lady Luck deserted him in the second half when he was given a caution and then had to hobble off with a damaged ankle in the 67th minute.

The injury however is not serious and everyone including the Olympic insurance agent who held a big cover note on Provan breathed a sigh of relief.

Olympic had the better of the first half but they tired in the second period and this allowed Tony Morsello to grab one for Apia five minutes from the final whistle.

Mano the match was Olympic's talented midfielder Terry Patalis who worked hard throughout the 90 minutes.

FOOTNOTE: Apia expect the arrival of new striker Joe McBride from Scotland on Wednesday.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Catlin; Casacchia, Bertogna, Mariani, Brown; Hamilton (Colagiuri 22), Steven, Butler; Dounis, Caban, Morsello.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Stankovic, Ziras (Lampropoulos 64), Jennings; Raskopoulos, Johnston, Patalis; Soper, Provan (Kouscos 67), Kalantzis.

REFEREE: Arthur Owens. CROWD: 4575.



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REFEREE: Richard Lorenz. CROWD: 712.

bourne's request, Sydney referee Richard Lorenz controlled the game and gave a fine display.

LIONS: Farrow, D Hunter, A Hunter, Vasquez, R Stewart, J Stewart, Bassingthwaite, Ogden, T

# TOUGH DEBUT

SCOTTISH Import Colin McAdam had a torrid introduction to Australian club soccer in his debut for Adelaide City when he played in three positions in a 2-1 defeat from Preston at Olympic Sports Field.

BY TOM McKAIN

The former Rangers' defender arrived in SA on Saturday night after being delayed in Bangkok for 16 hours.

He had to take the field midway through the first half as a midfielder when Brian Northcote came off with a head injury.

With the score 1-0 for Preston at half-

time through Steve Smith just before the interval, City came out for the second period with the 33-year-old McAdam as central striker... the position he played for Rangers when he scored 23 goals in his

first season with the Scottish giants.

But it was Preston who scored again, in the 62nd minute through Warren Spink, with City replying two minutes later when Joe Mullen headed home a goal.

The first half was a disaster for both teams as a spectacle.

Lions trailed 1-0 at half-time after Doug Brown had powered his shot into the net after Lions sweeper Rod Vasquez fell while trying to clear.

The half-time score was a fair indication, but in the second half Lions, inspired by a brilliant showing from Russell Stewart, stormed back.

Alan Hunter set up-

# SLICKERS TUMBLE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY CITY stumbled in their chase for the championship when they dropped a point as visiting Inter Monaro drew 2-2 at Sydney Athletic Field.

Last year's champions should have had the match locked up in the first session, but squandered too many scoring chances.

Disaster struck Sydney City in the seventh minute when referee Jim Reeves awarded a penalty to Monaro for a foul on Chris Thamnidis and Angelo Ambrosino scored from the spot.

Tough midfielder, Murray Barnes levelled the scoreline in the 14th minute with a fine header after a superb cross from Grant Lee.

Seven minutes from the break, Sydney City received a penalty for a hand-ball by John Santolin that Australia's captain, John Kosmina hammered home to put the champions in front.

But Monaro fought bravely in the second half with great work by stand-in goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski and a high work rate by striker, John Walsh, and they were rewarded in the 59th minute with a goal from midfielder, Billy Willox.



GRANT LEE

Grant Lee was the MAN OF THE MATCH whilst Monaro's best performers were Hoszowski, Walsh and central defenders Gagetti and Santolin.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezanno; Rodrigues, Gomez, Robertson, Cant; Lee, Watson, De Marigny, Barnes; Kosmina, Fletcher.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski; Tullawa, Gagetti, Santolin, Williams; Willox, Carbone, C. Ambrosino (Rusch 87), A. Ambrosino; Thamnidis, Walsh. REFEREE: J. Reeves. CROWD: 650.

# HOME AT LAST

BY KEN HEALEY

AT BRUCE STADIUM, Canberra at last notched its first home win of the season with a comprehensive 3-1 beating of Newcastle Rosebud.

Fielding unchanged the team that beat Penrith on Friday, Canberra went ahead in the 12th minute.

Steve Bryant curled a free-kick away from Clint Gosling and on to Terry Byrne's head as the midfielder made a perfectly timed run.

Canberra's second goal came from another header, this time by Tom Sermanni.

When Newcastle's goal did come four minutes later, Canberra's defence should have felt embarrassed. They let Ralph Maier's cross bounce around the area before Darren Stewart put it away.

In the 68th minute, English fed Lamond about 40 metres out.

English took the defence to the right then turned back, penetrated a line of three defenders and hit a left-footed shot past Gosling.

In the dying minutes Lamond hit the post after drawing the keeper, but man of the match was Canberra's Ian Gibson who did all the ground work for Lamond and English to dominate the second half.

CANBERRA CITY: Franken; Mihailidis, Bryant, Burke, Harkins, Sermanni, Dunn, Byrne, Gibson, English, Lamond.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Power, Kerby, (Milojevic 81), M. Jones, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Brandt, Stewart, Todd.

REFEREE: G. Davies. CROWD: 810.



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# IT'S KILLER KRNCEVIC

BY FRANK COLETTA

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER is in a very healthy state if it can do without 25 year old Eddie Krncevic in its national side.

Krncevic played the leading role in a charismatic Sydney Croatia 5-1 steamrolling of Adrian Alston's lowly Wollongong Wolves at the Croatia Sports Centre.

The tall Belgium-based striker scored two classic goals and set up another before being sensibly replaced at half-time in order to be fit and ready for the clash with St George.

The first goal came after only four minutes when captain coach Vedran Rozic combined with Krncevic to produce a goal "made in Europe."

For the second goal, Krncevic started the move with an incisive pass to Patikas who repaid the compliment by sending over a lovely cross and Krncevic had successfully heralded his return to Australian Soccer in the best way possible way... with a brace of goals.

Wollongong displayed a glimmer of hope when in the 14th minute they pulled a goal back through a Peter Willis penalty.

Apart from Billington, only the posts and crossbar behind him did anything to save the "Gong" - they were struck five times in total.

With Krncevic being allowed ridiculous freedom the score moved to 3-1 when he again set up another chance. Zeljko Jurin was on hand for his first goal of the season.

With Krncevic replaced, further goals by Arnold and Patikas only served to further the humiliation.

**MAN OF THE MATCH: KRNCEVIC** who was impressed by Croatia. "They are the best side I've seen in the League so far, a skilful outfit, one that copes well with the fast pace of Australian Soccer.

**SYDNEY CROATIA:** Woodhouse, A.Kovacic, Tomasich, Vidale, Krncevic (M.Kovacic 46), Rozic, Jurin (Dragicevic 57), Savor, Arnold, Patikas, Odzakovic.

**WOLLONGONG:** Billington, Willis, Green (Godzik 46), Dickson, Hristovski, Vilestra, Kerr, Brodnik, Bundalo, Kotamanidis, Gaffney.

REFEREE: T. Seacy. CROWD: 3463.

# EDDIE AGAIN!

BY FRANK COLETTA

EDDIE KRNCEVIC capped a big weekend yesterday when he bobbed up to grab the equaliser for Sydney Croatia against St George right at the death of the match at the Croatian Sports Centre.

With only seconds remaining, Krncevic collected a loose ball in the area, turned on it and neatly placed it wide of Socceroo goalie Terry Greedy.

To be fair, it seemed St George had done enough to win the match but their performance in the vital final 10 minutes left a lot to be desired.

The Saints opened their account in the sixth minute when youth international Peter Petkovski rose above Marijan Kovacic to head home a Pedro Ricoy cross.

In the 53rd minute English import Trevor Morgan put Saints two-up and Croatia, sadly lacking the finishing touch, seemingly out of the match.

But Croatia rallied and pulled a goal back through Jim Patikas who had missed

four previous golden opportunities.



EDDIE KRNCEVIC

Then came the moment for Krncevic to display his midas touch and grab a breathtaking equaliser right under the nose of the national coach's nose.

**MAN OF THE MATCH:** St George's town when Olympic was at his brilliant best in this match, taking David Rezo and Vedran Rozic "to the cleaners" more than once.

**SYDNEY CROATIA:** Woodhouse, M.Kovacic, Basic (Savor 53), Rezo, Rozic, Vidale, Jurin (Dragicevic 75), Krncevic, Arnold, Patikas, Odzakovic.

**ST GEORGE:** Greedy, Skeen, Koczka (Bozanic 53), Ricoy, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Petkovski, Stone, Cotton (Barton 66), J.O'Shea.

REFEREE: C.Bambridge. CROWD: 6,324.

# PROVAN STARS FOR OLYMPIC

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC guest, Celtic's right winger, Davie Provan, yet again proved enormous value when he scored two goals to send the visiting St George crashing to 3-1 defeat at Pratten Park.

This intelligent Scottish international has proved to be the best value of all the guest players to have come to Australia and has scored five goals in five matches for five wins for Olympic.

But it was St George who hit the lead as early as the seventh minute when Vic Bozanic hit the target with a spectacular overhead shot following a cross by Robbie Slater.

But as he did last week against Blacktown when Olympic was trailing, Provan with sheer magic, turned the tide in the

11th minute, scoring with a beautiful drive.

No sooner had the fans settled down for the second session than the Celtic wonder busted through to gather a flick-on by Kalantzis to score from 10 metres with a right-footed outstep.

Raskopoulos had an outstanding match, engineering and directing all assaults from the middle of the pitch. Saints failed to shut-down Raskopoulos.

Six minutes from the end, substitute striker, Mark Koussas intercepted an attempted

back-pass by Saints' Steve Green to roll the ball past Greedy.

A dejected St George coach, Frank Arok said after the match; "That Provan is all class and we had nobody to match him. His professional experience was too good and that made all the difference."

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Meier, Rogers, Stankovic, Ziras, Jennings, Johnston, Raskopoulos, Patallis, Provan, Soper (Koussas 76), Kalantzis.

**ST GEORGE:** Greedy, Skeen, M.O'Shea, J.O'Shea, Green, Bozanic, Ratcliffe, Barton (Cotton 60), Ricoy, Slater, Morgan. REFEREE: R.Loren. CROWD: 3,273.



Sydney Olympic's Celtic guest David Provan gets away from St George attentions in the Pratten Park Saturday match.

# GIBSON SAVES

PENRITH goalkeeper Mike Gibson saved his side from defeat with a series of fine saves in the second half of yesterday's scoreless game against Wollongong at Wollongong Showground.

After a dull first half Wollongong came to life after the interval and only the brilliance of Gibson saved the visitors.

Once they gained control of midfield, Wollongong spent the second half piling pressure on the Penrith defence but found Gibson in top form.

The Penrith keeper made two fine reflex saves in the space of a minute from Scott Dickson and replaced Pat Brodnik and in contrast Wolves goalkeeper Kiri Velkov was virtually a

spectator for the last 45 minutes.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston replaced forwards Rade Stefanovski and Berne Godzik with Peter Kotamanidis and Brodnik in a desperate bid to grab a late goal but without success.

Penrith seemed content to go home with a point having pulled players back in defence once Wollongong started to dominate the game.

Man of the Match:

ALEX BUNDALO showed his class in an improved Wollongong side creating a number of scoring chances and always making himself available to help out in defence when needed.

**WOLLONGONG:** Velkov, Green, Dickson, Hristovski, Vilestra, Gaffney, Godzik (Kotamanidis 75), Bundalo, Willis, Martin, Stefanovski (Brodnik 60).

**PENRITH:** Gibson, Brogan, Cross (Toohey 57), Alnsworth, Campbell, Wotherspoon, Hunter (Shute 67) Habb, Easthorpe, Jones, Licarta.

REFEREE: Peter Ramplay. CROWD: 663.

# MARCONI ZOOM IN

FIVE wins in succession have given Marconi the chance to make a serious bid for the Northern Division leadership in the National League.

This heartening success run proves the wisdom of coach Les Scheinflug's recruitment of young players of quality.

Scheinflug, whose experiences as Australian Youth coach gave him an intimate knowledge of the ability of the best youngsters in this country, now has a side which should serve Marconi well for many years to

come.

In yesterday's important 2 - 0 victory away from home against Blacktown, the goals were scored by two members of Scheinflug's 1983 World Youth squad - David Lowe and Rod Brown.

Those goals took Marconi into second place on the table and Sydney Croatia will surely now be looking

over their shoulder at this latest threat to their ambitions.

Brown opened the scoring after 55 minutes, and, even though the ball rebounded into play, the referee was correct in ruling it had crossed the goal line.

Marconi's second goal was a penalty kick by Lowe after he had been fouled in the box by Paul Daley.



TONY HENDERSON (MARCONI)



DAVID LOWE



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# SOCCEROO SUCCESS MEANS NOTHING TO THE KNOCKERS

DESPITE the Socceroos' success in the recent \$200,000 international series, there are still officials and fans who refuse to believe in the national team.

And there were officials who positively squirmed with delight when marketing boffin Peter Sheean revealed that the crowds were way down on expectations.

Victorians, in particular, were upset that Charlie Egan and Doug Brown were not in the squad.

And with no Greek team in the contest, and the Italians playing for only third place in the play-offs, the fans stayed away in droves when Australia took on Vasco da Gama in the final.

Sheean never said a truer word when he commented that as marketing men they were slowly learning about Australian soccer.

It doesn't really have soccer fans, it has club people who will only turn out if a team from their country is involved.

Then it has to be a top team, and a winning one.

Even if there was no ban on English sides playing overseas, it is doubtful if any more would be invited to Australia — unless Liverpool would come.

The Poms in Australia obviously prefer to watch their soccer on the tube — and are notorious for not wanting to pay high prices for any sporting event.

However, there may be a point on the prices, even for two games.

## SAYS TOM McKAIN

Take a "working" man with a wife and two kids at the lowest price — \$12 and half for the kids.

He was up for \$36. The marketing men said they would look at family tickets. It appears the time is now, before the August series.

Tottenham manager Peter Shreeves said he was amazed at the number of times he was asked about the performance of his team.

"You should be applauding your own," he said.

"I don't think many of you realise what a fine side you have.

"The skill is lacking because you are not full-timers, but Frank Arok has done a tremendous job."

Then there was the comment from a South Melbourne official that Bobby Russell and John Yzendoorn should have been in the Australian side.

With Oscar Crino and Ken Murphy already in, and also a clamour for Charlie Egan, Doug Brown and Steve Blair, who withdrew, that would have meant seven South Melbourne men out of 11.

And this was a serious claim!

Then again, from Victoria, was the media announcement



CHARLIE EGAN

that coach Frank Arok would have to consider dropping captain John Kosmina.

Kossie answered that with superb performances, particularly in the last three matches, with the climax coming in the final when he scored both goals in the 2-1 triumph.

Of course, there is little percentage in it all for the Socceroos — again we have stirrers who say the visitors "were not trying."

While they may have tried to do just enough to win, they did try.

They had to, because the Australians

made them play.

I expect we will hear the same complaints about the August show.

But we might just get a reaction if the Socceroos can qualify for the World Cup finals.

God help them if they don't.

# MENOTTI GOES TO GREECE



LUIS CESAR MENOTTI

LUIS CESAR MENOTTI, Argentina's successful 1978 World Cup manager, flew to Athens last week to discuss terms with Greek First Division side, Panathinaikos.

Menotti spent the weekend with the president of Panathinaikos, multi-millionaire George Vardinogiannis, a shipping and petroleum magnate.

Nick Kousoulakis, both from rival club, Olympiakos.

The transfers cost just under \$1,000,000 in a super package deal.

## BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Vardinogiannis is desperate to secure the services of the Argentinian master after his club finished second in the Greek Championship behind Salonika's PAOK.

The Greek millionaire has already started his bid for next season by signing goalkeeper Nick Saraganis and midfielder

Menotti, prior to leaving Argentina, made it clear to the Greeks that he would be interested only in a one year contract with Panathinaikos.

Menotti coached Barcelona before Terry Venebles took the Spanish club to success.

Panathinaikos was crushed this year in the semis of the European Cup by England's Liverpool.

# SOCCER GOES BACK TO SOCCER STADIUMS

THE experiment of playing international soccer tournament matches at cricket and Aussie Rules grounds appears to have ended.

A report in the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD by Ray Gatt states that the next international series, scheduled for late July, will be played at Sydney Sports Ground, Olympic Park and Hindmarsh Stadium.

Promoter Peter Sheean has been under a lot of criticism for staging tournament matches at the SCG, MCG and Adelaide's Football Park and such criticism was not entirely misplaced.

For instance, it was

a depressing sight to see some 10,000 spectators "lost" in the vast bowl of the Melbourne Cricket Ground which can accommodate 110,000 people.

Sheean, however, did make the valid point that, when spectators are being charged high prices to attend soccer, their comfort was of paramount importance.

If, in fact, there is a switch to the traditional soccer grounds, it should make a huge difference to the atmosphere at international games.

Some of Australia's greatest international successes

were achieved at the rather archaic Sydney Sports Ground and, for this reason, it will be good to return to the ground.

There are problems, naturally. There is very little seating accommodation which is bookable: should it be a rainy day, there is precious little cover for the spectators.

Melbourne's Olym-

pic Park is also mainly for standing spectators, but unlike the Sydney Sports Ground, there is wet weather cover in the excellent main stand

Melbourne folk, who, with good cause, are proud of their soccer showpiece at Olympic Park, have been the most vocal critics of the switch to the MCG.

No doubt they will

be delighted to watch the next international series from Olympic Park.

Peter Sheean was quoted in the SYDNEY MORNING HERALD thus:-

"Rather than trying to cater for big crowds at grounds like the Sydney and Melbourne Cricket Grounds, we have opted for establishments more suited to soccer — and crowds."

# NICK IS TOPS

BY FRANK FINLAY

NICK ANDRONICOS has won the reputation of being the "gentleman" of soccer in the Border district.

For the past two seasons, he was voted Albury Wodonga Association's Player of the Year.

Runner up in 1984 was Bob McBurnie of Lavington Soccer Club.

Nick captained the Riverina against the Young Socceroos in Albury last year.





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## KEEP THE KIDS

AN interesting news item from Britain recently should have provided Australian soccer administrators with serious misgivings.

It concerned a youngster from Adelaide, Tony Dorigo.

The news was that Dorigo had been given a new four-year contract to play as a full-time professional with Aston Villa.

It is marvellous to see a young Aussie making the grade in the toughest league in the world — but far from marvellous to realise that yet another player has been lost to Australian soccer.

When Craig Johnston arrived here a couple of weeks ago, he confirmed that he is not available to represent Australia.

Eddie Krncevic is another of the Aussie exiles who will not figure in the World Cup plans of national coach Frank Arok.

And, although Alan Davidson and David Mitchell are both keen to play for the Socceroos, neither player can be considered a certain starter for the first Cup elimination match against New Zealand in Auckland.

There was a time when Australian talent meant nothing to professional clubs overseas.

Times have changed. Now there is the very real danger that ALL the best players in Australia will finish up on foreign fields.

Of course it is difficult keeping such good players at home. They want to play as full-time pros and this is impossible if Australian clubs do not have the money to satisfy their wishes.

Other nations, however, have encountered the same problem and have made great efforts to overcome it.

Top players from Denmark, Iceland, and Norway, for instance, are spread all around Europe but they all seem able to get time off when they are needed for international duty.

Yugoslavian players are not permitted to leave the country until they are 28. But once they reach that magic age, they are given a free clearance and are able to put good football earnings into their own pockets in their declining years.

We are not saying the Yugoslavian system would work in Australia but it is clear that SOMETHING should be done by the Australian Soccer Federation to arrest this problem.



## CHIT CHAT

MELBOURNE Cricket Ground is hardly a suitable venue for soccer but at least some of the dressing room decorations gave the players a laugh during the recent International Soccer Series.

The room occupied by Australia is normally used by Richmond Tigers who play that funny Australian Rules game.

There is a notice on the wall to be read by players as they go on to the playing pitch.

It reads ... TODAY YOU HAVE THE HONOUR TO BE WEARING A TIGER GUERNSEY. HAVE YOU THAT FIERCE DESIRE TO WIN? EAT THEM ALIVE.

Luckily, JOHN KOSMINA and his Socceroo teammates didn't take the message seriously.



NORTHERN NSW director, ALAN TRE-DINNICK has taken over as editor of the state's weekly magazine "SOCCER". The position is not new to Alan who has held this portfolio several times previously.



BEWARE the yellow bib ...

That's the message at Fairy Meadow training sessions this season after coach JOHN FLEMING introduced the yellow bib award.

It is an award for the worst player in the previous game and entitles the bearer to wear it at all training sessions until someone else takes over.

Fleming says the award was regarded as something of a joke at the start of the season but the players now take it very seriously.

"They want to avoid the bib like the plague and I hope this has had some small role in our success so far," Fleming said.

So far LARRY BERRINGER, RICHARD PEIL and PAUL JONES have been the players sighted most often in the dreaded bib.

THAT was short and sweet for MIKE DONNELLY.

The all-rounder bought his clearance from SA's Azzurri so he could try out with Adelaide City in the NSL.

Normally a midfielder, City fielded the chunky Scot at right-back, and now he has lost his place in the team and is considering a move to State league club Croatia.

"TO be or not to be", is the question being asked by players and supporters of WallSEND Soccer Club. Nobody seems to be able to solve the mystery whether or not the famous Crystal Palace ground is going to be turned into a giant supermarket complex. It must be hard to concentrate on football with that kind of problem haunting everyone.

FRANK AROK was very upset when his St George team was refused permission to play Sydney Olympic last Wednesday in a rearranged NSL match.

Instead, the NSL insisted the game should be played on Saturday, only 24 hours before Saints played Sydney Croatia.

"If we'd played midweek, it would have saved both teams going into Sunday matches too tired to do themselves justice," complained Arok.

St George had even offered to give home team Olympic free rental of the St George Stadium on the Wednesday.



□ TOMMY McCULLOCH is tackled by Apia Leichhardt's Terry Butler.

TOMMY McCULLOCH has a knee ligament problem as he battles to win back his soccer squad place.

The ex-Youth Socceroo skipper had to pull out of the recent International Series so he has to catch up on his national teammates who did such a good job on Udinese, Spurs and Vasco da Gama.

His club, Leichhardt, feel McCulloch tried to come back too early when complete rest might have been the answer.



"WHEN you bring in six or seven new faces, it's asking a lot for any team to click immediately."

The comment came from RAUL BLANCO, coach of NSW State League team, Canterbury.

Blanco had a rough trot early this year and his critics were gunning for him after a string of bad results.

All that has changed and the Berries have won nine points from five matches.

Now the former assistant national coach is smiling — and looking forward to a top four place for Canterbury.

VERDICT on Adamstown Oval from Marconi coach Les Scheinflug after his team beat Newcastle Rosebud 2-0 — "The floodlighting is excellent but the playing pitch is pretty awful."

ONE of the reasons behind St George's 1985 slump was the loss of form by that hard-working midfielder Mark Barton.

But things are looking up. After Saints good win at Newcastle, coach Frank Arok said: "I'm happy to see Mark back in good form."



Ferenc Puskas

TEST cricketer and England tourist, BOB HOLLAND, was honoured by the Lake Macquarie Soccer club at a media function held at the Newcastle Germania Club prior to his departure.

Bob played his junior soccer with Lake Macquarie before signing with Toronto-Awaba.

President KEITH HITCHCOCK presented Bob with a suitably inscribed silver tray.



THERE'S no doubt Sydney Croatia picked a winner when they lured VEDRAN ROZIC here as player-coach.

When ASW asked ROZIC why he quit the famous Hajduk Split club to move to Australia, he said: "In my country, you are permitted to go to foreign clubs after you are 28 — to earn more money."

"I had the chance to move to other European countries, but I had been told Australia was a good country where I could have a happy future."

"Also, Sydney Croatia had been asking me for a long time to come here and play for them."

Vedran, who is doing so well bringing along young Aussie talent, is certainly not sorry he made the big move.

LEICHHARDT's new centre-half from Egypt, ALA EL DIN ABBAS, has finally obtained his clearance and big things are expected of him.

Abbas picked up a few Hungarian tricks with his previous club, the Athletic Club of Port Said. He was coached by the great FERENC PUSKAS.

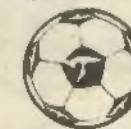
A big, strong, defender, age 27, Abbas has just completed a University course.



MANECAS, West Adelaide's Portuguese import back in the days when GERRY CHALDI was coach, is back on the field.

He is playing in West's reserves in the SA State League.

However, at this stage, there is no indication that the coloured all-rounder will be lining up for the NSL squad.



THE next international tournament in Australia has still not been fixed because the actual match dates have to be finalised.

But it seems pretty certain that the competing teams will be PSV Eindhoven, AEK of Athens, Red Star Belgrade and the Socceroos.

The series will last two weeks and it will end on August 4 or August 11.



VEDRAN ROZIC.

# COACH FLEMING WINS AT FIRST ATTEMPT

**M**OST coaches go for years without striking success but John Fleming has come up with a winning recipe at his first attempt as boss of TNT Skypak State League club Fairy Meadow in NSW.

The 31-year-old Englishman took over the reins of the South Coast club this season and many people felt he would be doing well if he managed to get the side in the top half of the table.

After all, Fairy Meadow were up against the likes of Melita, Rockdale, Avala and other clubs who have spent plenty of money trying to win a place in the National League.

They could have asked what chance did battlers Fairy Meadow have of upsetting such elite company at their first attempt?

When Fairy Meadow recently beat Bankstown 2-1, it signalled their elevation to the top of the table and John Fleming has no hesitation in tipping his side to be there at the end of the season.

"Whether or not we could go into the national competition is another thing, but from what I have seen there is no reason why we shouldn't win this League," Fleming said.

"We have what some of the other teams seem to lack — the ability of our players to believe in themselves and the will to do well for their club."

"Our players don't get much in the way of match fees compared to other teams in the League but that doesn't always mean you win matches."

Fleming has got together a talented squad of players — all Illawarra products and they have certainly shocked their Sydney opposition.

It is basically the squad with which Mike

Johnson won the second division in such dramatic circumstances last season, reinforced by goalkeeper Warwick Young, midfielder Richard Peil, defenders Reg Chilby and Larry Barringer and striker Glenn Fontana.

Fleming's ambition is to become one of Australia's leading coaches and he makes no secret of that fact.

"I have always wanted to become involved in coaching when my playing days are over," he said.

"I have been involved with some very knowledgeable coaches and managers over the years and hope some of their talents have rubbed off on me."

BY PHIL MURPHY

Fleming had a successful playing career in the lower divisions of the English League before coming to Australia to join Wollongong City in 1981.

On his 17th birthday he signed as a professional with Oxford in the second division and over five years with the club, played 150 first team games.

He took over the central midfield role from Ron Atkinson at Oxford and Atkinson has since become manager of Manchester United.

In 1975, Fleming moved on to fourth division Lincoln and had immediate success with his new club.

He helped them win promotion with a record number of points and a record number of goals for the season.

Lincoln were managed by Graham Taylor that season and he is now in charge at Watford.

Fleming stayed with Lincoln four seasons in which time he had more than 150 first team appearances and after a spell out of action through a knee injury, was offered the youth team coach's job.

He declined after receiving an offer from Alan Vest to come to Australia to join Newcastle but later received another offer.

This was from newly-appointed



JOHN FLEMING

Wollongong coach Ken Morton and Fleming found himself settling in on the South Coast with the fledgling NSL club.

He was in the side when they played their first official League match against Tommy Docherty's Sydney Olympic at Wollongong Showground and helped celebrate a great 3-1 win before 7,000 fans.

Fleming actually played 99 official NSL games with the Wolves before quitting to take on the Fairy Meadow coaching role this season.

Only in the last few weeks the Wollongong board decided to release Fleming on loan to Fairy Meadow as a player.

He made his debut with Fairy Meadow in

the 2-1 win over Blacktown and intends staying in the side. "It will bring out more competition among the players if I make it known I want to keep playing," he says.

Fleming said he has been pleasantly surprised by the professional attitude of his players.

"Most of them have had previous experience only in minor leagues here but they have shown me they can do what is required of them," he said.

"They would put quite a few National League players to shame when it comes to attitude and they deserve to do well."

For John Fleming the 1985 season could be the start of a successful coaching career but for Fairy Meadow it may be the culmination of an impossible dream.

# THREE WAY BATTLE

WITH seven games remaining before the end of the competition, it's now time to have a good look at the state of the nation or to be more precise the standings in the Northern Division of the NSL.

For it's not only the championship crown and places in the top five that are in the balance but also the controversial subject of relegation.

Whatever way you look at the present standings on the table, it's an enthralling situation and one that will cause a great deal of pressure and loss of nervous energy before the last ball is kicked.

Indeed it is wide open on all fronts and a very healthy scene for the paying customers, who, when everything is put in its proper perspective, are the people who have to be satisfied.

Soccer is not only a sport, but should be a part of the entertainment industry and without paying customers there would be no NSL.

For my money, the race for the title is now narrowed down to

three clubs - Sydney City, Sydney Croatia and Marconi.

And the eventual winner, as the man said - "you pays your money and you makes your choice."

For it's as wide open as an unlatched gate on a windy day.

Let's have a look at the three clubs in contention, starting with Sydney City.

The Slickers, coached by the astute Eddie Thomson, are in a similar position to what they have experienced yearly since the NSL started.

Year in, year out, they are always in the hunt when the chips are down and this situation is nothing new to them.

This experience will stand them in good stead and is to their great advantage.

Pressure in big-time games is something that most of the Slickers players and coach

Thomson are well accustomed to and they have a proven ability to handle it.

Also, a big plus in this Slicker outfit is depth in reserve.

BY TOM ANDERSON

Most positions are well covered - even though coach Thomson would sometimes like you to believe to the contrary.

In their win over Croatia last week, the Slickers also showed another side to their set-up, when they produced a new style that if retained, makes them even more formidable.

In the run in, Slickers will be a very hard team to beat.

For Sydney Croatia this is their first tilt at a real big-time honour.

Sure they've won a hatful of state league honours, but with all due respect, it's an en-

tirely new ball game in the NSL.

Croatia have got together a wonderful team of fine players and player-coach Vedran Rozic is a man who's been through it all before in top class company in Europe.

On their day, especially at home, Croatia can sweep all before them and look the goods.

However by the same token a flaw in their makeup was exposed in their defeat by the Slickers and it is something coach Rozic will have to work on immediately in training.

The failure to change their style of play during a game brought their undoing against Slickers and no doubt many other clubs sat up and took note of this weakness.

The remaining team in the race is Marconi, the outsider of the trio. However this deter-

mined outfit must never be written off.

Coach Les Scheinflug is a man of great experience and he has also won an NSL title with the Fairfielders.

They don't come any shrewder than Les when the pressure is on.



EDDIE THOMSON



LES SCHEINFLUG

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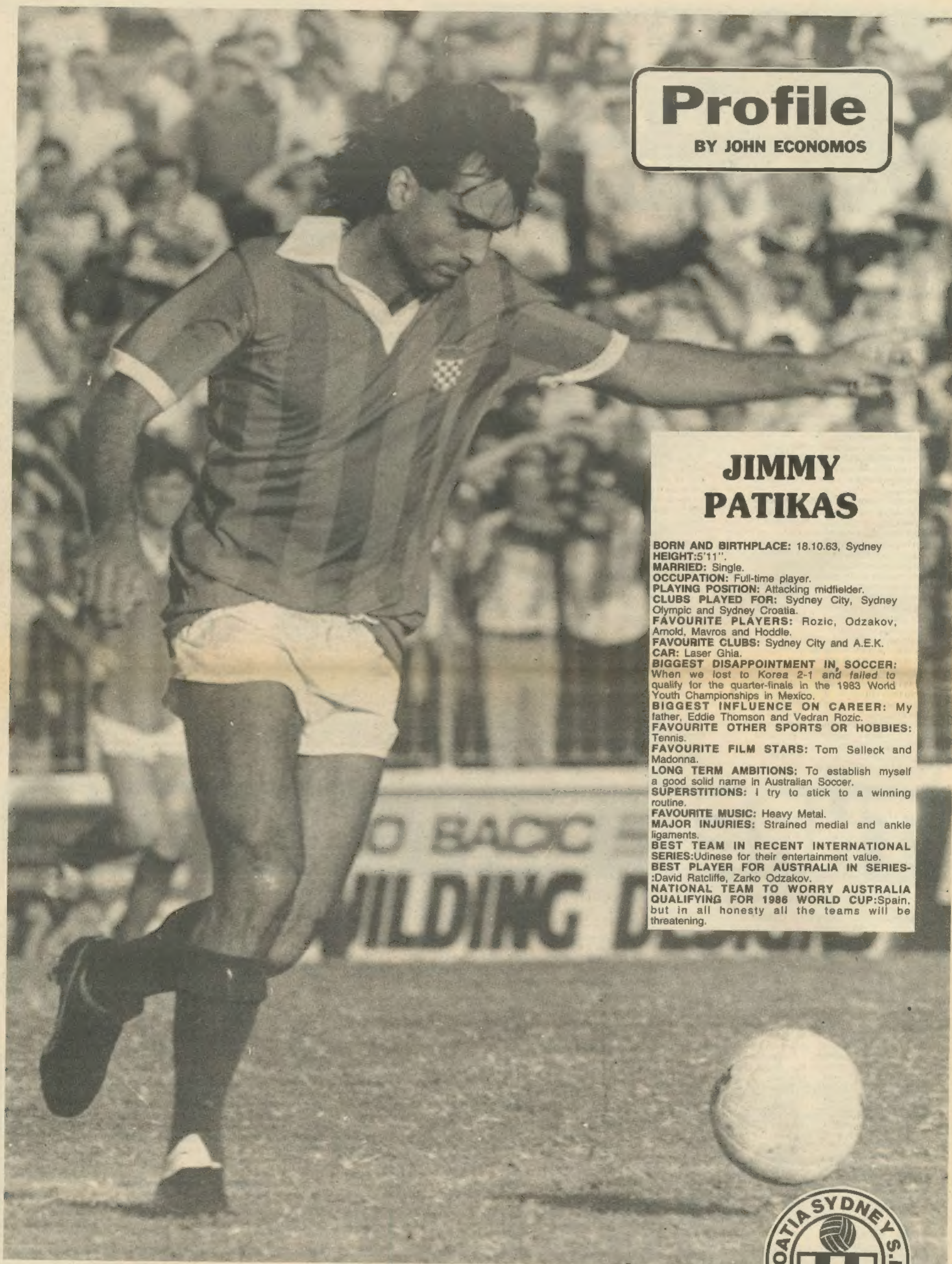
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# Profile

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

## JIMMY PATIKAS

**BORN AND BIRTHPLACE:** 18.10.63, Sydney

**HEIGHT:** 5'11"

**MARRIED:** Single.

**OCCUPATION:** Full-time player.

**PLAYING POSITION:** Attacking midfielder.

**CLUBS PLAYED FOR:** Sydney City, Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia.

**FAVOURITE PLAYERS:** Rozic, Odzakov, Arnold, Mavros and Hoddle.

**FAVOURITE CLUBS:** Sydney City and A.E.K.

**CAR:** Laser Ghia.

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER:** When we lost to Korea 2-1 and failed to qualify for the quarter-finals in the 1983 World Youth Championships in Mexico.

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My father, Eddie Thomson and Vedran Rozic.

**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES:** Tennis.

**FAVOURITE FILM STARS:** Tom Selleck and Madonna.

**LONG TERM AMBITIONS:** To establish myself a good solid name in Australian Soccer.

**SUPERSTITIONS:** I try to stick to a winning routine.

**FAVOURITE MUSIC:** Heavy Metal.

**MAJOR INJURIES:** Strained medial and ankle ligaments.

**BEST TEAM IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL SERIES:** Udinese for their entertainment value.

**BEST PLAYER FOR AUSTRALIA IN SERIES:** David Ratcliffe, Zarko Odzakov.

**NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP:** Spain, but in all honesty all the teams will be threatening.



# IAN BRUSASCO WARNS COAST OPTIMISTS

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation president Ian Brusasco has brought reality back to suggestions that the Gold Coast could soon make a NSL bid by reminding officials on the tourist strip that they must walk before they run.

Brusasco has suggested that the Coast work towards fielding a team in the Brisbane competition before thinking of the NSL.

"If they are going to do that (enter the NSL), then it might be better if they went through the Premier League first," Brusasco said.

Support for a Gold Coast National League side surged last week following the successful promotion of the Brisbane City-Heidelberg clash at Carrara in the shadow of the new multi-million dollar Jupiter's Casino.

But if Gold Coast officials decide to take Brusasco's advice, it seems unlikely that the region would gain a berth in the Premier League in the foreseeable future.

The present structure of Brisbane soccer does not cater for a regional representative team in the semi-professional leagues (Premier and Intermediate). In fact, restructuring recommendations were against teams outside of Brisbane playing in the Premier League, a point on which Brusasco campaigned strongly.

The Gold Coast fielded a side in the Queensland State League but the administration side of the club was riddled with problems.

Now the administration of soccer on the tourist strip is under one banner, it is unlikely those problems would recur if a NSL bid came to fruition.

A Gold Coast NSL side is not a new idea and National League officials two years ago listed the region as a future NSL growth area.

Gold Coast and Albert Soccer Federation vice-chairman Peter Williamson said he was "very serious" about a National League bid.

"To put a team in we would need a very strong committee and a lot of financial backing, but we have got to aim for the top, because if you're standing still you're dead," Williamson said.

Despite the obvious hurdles faced by a Gold Coast bid, the move could remain in abeyance until one of the two Queensland teams, Brisbane City or Lions, is relegated. There is almost no chance the League would be expanded again to include a

third Queensland side.

But in keeping with the lifestyle and development on the tourist strip, Gold Coast officials have big plans for soccer.

The region wants to stage Olympic soccer events if Brisbane's 1992 bid is successful and Williamson is 95 percent certain of winning rights to stage the 1987 Golden Oldies tournament.

The Golden Oldies, which is staged for players over 35 years, is to be staged in Santa Monica from October 5 this year and already teams have been entered by Elton John, Rod Stewart, Kevin Keegan, Sir Stanley Matthews, Kenny Dalglish and Trevor Brooking.

Gold Coast organisers, who also are sending a team to this year's event, are expecting a similar array of stars to attend the 1987 tournament.

A video of the Gold Coast, highlighting the new casino which will be a centrepiece for the tournament, already has been sent to tournament organisers and a final decision on the 1987 venue is expected within six weeks.

Tournament rules say the 1987 event must be staged in the Southern Hemisphere and at this stage only Sydney is bidding against the Gold Coast.

"Because of the tourist appeal of the Gold Coast, I don't think we have any worries," Williamson said.

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**QUEENSLAND'S most consistent and outstanding player this season, Lions full-back Alan Niven, is on the sidelines with a fractured toe.**

Niven sustained the injury when he kicked a ball during training a week ago.

"It felt a bit sore at the time and but I was able to do running after that. But the next morning my foot was like a balloon. I must have kicked the ball awkwardly," Niven said.

The injury is in Niven's right foot. And as a brilliant left foot player, the former Soccerroo joked that he now learned his lesson not to kick right footed.

Jokes aside, his injury is a major blow to Lions. Niven's distribution and defence have been outstanding this season and he was rated the player of the tour dur-

ing Queensland's recent tour of Fiji.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell believes Niven should have been named in the Australian squad and Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan recently rated Niven as "the best left foot in the business".

Niven's injury has given 17-year-old David Hunter, the younger brother of Lions stopper Alan Hunter, the chance to make his NSL debut. Hunter, the player of the series at last year's Australian schoolboys championships is making every post a winner.

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**BRISBANE CITY coach Jim Hermiston is considering trimming his already sparse National League squad as he begins early preparations for the 1988 season.**

Hermiston is playing his cards close to his chest but he has not been happy with several players' performances in recent weeks and he may suggest they begin looking for another club.

"I have found out things about three or four players, things I didn't think were there. So you have to look at them carefully," Hermiston said without naming the players.

It is a game move at this stage of the season as it was a similar action which cost Hermiston his job at City two years ago. Towards the end of the 1983 season, he dropped the experienced Frank Pimblett and Bobby Hamilton in preference for youngsters.

Hermiston says he is not making the same mistake this time and in fact Pimblett and Hamilton were among the few pulling their weight.

"They're the ones who are performing for me, I have no complaints about them, they are doing a great job," he said.

Hermiston's side lost 3-0 twice on the trot and he described their match against Heidelberg a fortnight ago as their worst performance since he took over.

"It was lack of discipline when things were going against us. But there is no excuse for lack of fight," Hermiston said.

Hermiston said he would be making changes to the side over coming weeks.

## QUEENSLAND VIEW

JOHN STEWART, the Brisbane Lions captain who also lead Queensland, is tackled by Wollongong City defender Ray Vlietstra.



## FORUM

### DON'T FORGET THE SOUTH!

HAVING been an avid reader of your publication for more than a year now, I feel I have to write and complain about the increasing brevity of the reports on Southern Division matches, particularly the descriptions of matches involving Adelaide teams.

While the Northern Division round-up comprises (11.6.85) three pages of headlines, detailed reports Southern Division fixtures are given less than half a page with only brief mention of scores and scorers.

As an enthusiastic supporter of Adelaide City I used to rely on "AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY" to get news of my team's performances and most importantly composition, in Melbourne.

I hope you will try and rectify this situation and live up to your name — "AUSTRALIAN" (all of Australia) SOCCER WEEKLY.

P.S. The only thing that keeps me from changing is your invaluable "UK Scene" section on the back page. Thank you for that.

M. Rowe.  
Taperoo, S.A.

### VIDEO COULD BE ANSWER

BEING a constant reader of your soccer paper, I just thought I had to write to you again, in fact I thought you had forgotten about your Brisbane readers.

In two of your letters, one from J. Lass, Hillsdale and the other from M.T. Brown, Aspley, Qld, made very good and interesting reading. The first regarding using videos which is used by the rugby code, mainly to cut out the "thugs" who take part in the games. A lot of referee's and linesmen don't see them.

M.T. Brown quotes press reports here and I would agree with him. Every Monday I buy the Daily Sun in Brisbane and they usually have about six pages of rugby league, coloured too, and about half a page of soccer.

I know at the moment soccer doesn't seem to have the greatest image after what happened in Brussels.

Having played the game and watched it for over 40 years, soccer to me will always be a better and more skilful game than rugby league and I follow all sports.

Mr Arok, there are still a few good soccer players in Queensland. Alan Niven, from Brisbane Lions, is one. Steve Jackson, Hunter and Bromfield, from Brisbane City, and also the Stewart brothers.

S. McGregor,  
QUEENSLAND

# A HERO WHO WAS SACKED

OXFORD were the surprise side of England's Second Division this season and they'll soon be rubbing shoulders with giants like Liverpool and Manchester United in First Division.

It is all like a fairy story for team captain Malcolm Shotton who, five years ago, was trying to earn a living making woolen jumpers for the famous Marks and Spencer stores.

Shotton thought it was the end of the

world when his first club, Leicester City, sacked him when he was only 19.

He'd joined them at 15 straight from school.

He played part-time for Atherstone and Nuneaton and took the factory job before Ox-

ford offered him a second chance of full-time football.

"I needed to know if I was good enough to play in the League and, hopefully, I have proved that now. I still can't believe it," added the Oxford skipper.



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# LARISA TAKES GREEK CUP

LARISA the Greek First Division side, crushed a 10 man team, Paok 4-1 at the Olympic Stadium in Athens to take out the 1985 Greek Cup and thus qualify for next year's Cup Winners' Cup.

—By JOHN ECONOMOS—

This was the first time Larisa has ever won the Cup after making it to the Final on three occasions.

Paok was highly fancied to win the Cup after they won the Greek Championship but it was not their day.

In fact before a goal was scored, Paok's Vassilakos was sent off the field for foul play, leaving the champions a man short.

Larisa then scored in the 39th and 47th minutes through Ziogas and Kmietsik.

But Paok managed to hit back in the 55th minute with a fine goal from Skartados.

In the 73rd minute, Ziogas scored again for Larisa to give him a fine double in the Cup.

Just 60 seconds after

this third goal, Larisa tightened their grip on the Cup when Valaoras smashed home their fourth and last goal.

AEK and Panathinaikos are in for the UEFA Cup with Paok qualifying for the European Cup.

# CANBERRA CRUCIAL FOR SAINTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE, desperate for points in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League, are eagerly awaiting the appearance of Canberra City Olympians at the St George Stadium on Sunday.

Australia's best two goalkeepers will be on display in this match. The Saints will field their World Cup star Terry Greedy whilst Canberra will display their young, technically very correct, Anthony Franken.

Either could decide the outcome.

Having played over the weekend against Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia - both away games - and getting only one point as reward, the luckless Saints are keen to get back into the St George Stadium.

But Canberra City Olympians come to Sydney full of confidence, having collected four precious League points over the weekend with victories over Penrith City and Newcastle.

Canberra's hero in these matches was striker, Manis Lamond who scored three goals to hand his coach, Roy Thompson four points.

With Tommy Sermanni, Ian Gibson and Terry Byrne play-

ing very well, the A.C.T. side will prove a formidable foe for the Saints.

full-time before Eddie Krncevic hit the target to level the scoreline

Canberra City Olympians are sitting in fifth spot whilst the Saints lie uncomfortably in seventh spot.

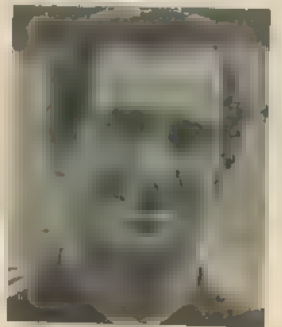
St George's problem is not in the defence where they have conceded 20 goals, but scoring goals. And the strikers are not entirely to blame.



DAVID RATCLIFFE

Frank Arok, the St George manager, told us last night: "We only have three matches left at home this year and we are desperate for points."

Against Sydney Olympic, the Saints were torn apart by Davie Provan. But against Croatia yesterday, Saints were actually leading till two seconds from



ROY THOMPSON

The Saints have to throw midfielders forward to support the front line where their twin strikers are always outnumbered.

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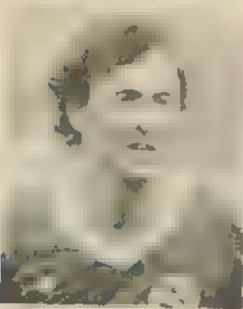
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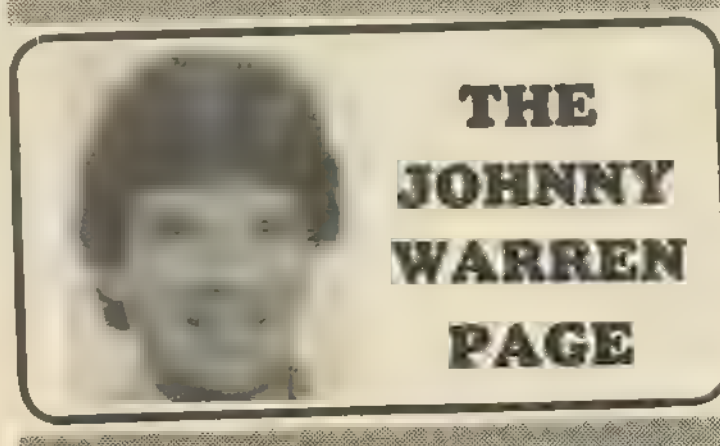


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# MANIS LAMOND — THE YOUNG PNG GENIUS



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**W**HEN Canberra City Olympians lost their favourite son, Soccerroo striker Frank Farina, to Sydney City at the end of last season, coach Doug Collins received a consoling phone call from a well known Sydney City supporter.

"Don't be too upset — we signed the wrong player from Canberra," the supporter told Collins.

"We should have signed Manis Lamond."

At the time that statement seemed ridiculous.

Sydney City had grabbed Farina, Canberra supporters' most favoured player and a real personality in the Canberra community.

Lamond was little known outside of Canberra although a free — scoring forward with the youth team in the NSL.

But now, some six months later, the Sydney City supporter's comment is not as outrageous as it sounded in October.

One does not want to dwell on comparisons between the two young talents except to say that Canberra should have both Farina and Lamond in its NSL attack this year.

But that's another story.

Eighteen year old Manis Lamond is an exceptional talent.

Without wishing to over-rate the youngster, his style is more suited to Brazil than the basically Anglo-Saxon game we see in the NSL.

Again, in view of the danger of over-rating and over-exposing young players I still have no hesitation in saying that Manis Lamond is the most exciting and entertaining player I have seen emerge in Australian soccer in the past 26 years.

Apart from talent, he has the rare ability to excite fans.

Few local players have possessed that ability. Shame had it, Farina has it and so does Lamond.

Whether he goes on with it and realises his enormous potential is another matter.

Yet most who see the boy play have nothing but the highest of praise.

Canberra fans, still stunned at the loss of Farina, have been somewhat compensated by the emergence of Lamond this year.

Glasgow Celtic's David Provan, currently guesting with Sydney Olympic, couldn't speak highly enough of Lamond's performance against Olympic in Canberra several weeks ago.

Lamond's coach Roy Thomson, never one to mince words when it comes to assessing talent, says "the sky's the limit for Manis IF he works at his game."

"He's devastating on the ball, exciting and something always happens when he's in possession."

However, Thomson tempers his generous praise of Lamond with some constructive criticism.

"He's inconsistent at the moment," says Thomson.

"If it is not on for the day, he accepts it instead of working harder."

"He also tends to use his incredible dribbling skills in the wrong place and at the wrong time — in the middle of the park for example instead of in the box."

"Sure he's an exceptional talent but he must work harder and keep his feet on the ground."

For those who have been impressed with Lamond, the good news is that according to Lamond, there are many youngsters as good as, if not better than, him back home in Papua New Guinea.

Lamond was born in Port Moresby on September 14, 1956 and lived there with his mum ("my greatest fan") Lorraine, agricultural salesman father Robert, sister

Beverley (15) and two brothers Francis (10) and Robert (6).

He played soccer "because it is the most popular sport in New Guinea — everyone plays it — from under 8 till under 12 years. Then he represented PNG in a primary schools tournament in Brisbane.

Manis came to Brisbane for a year's High School education before transferring to Cairns and further education — and soccer.

Rep honours for Queensland at under 14, 15 and 16 level finally saw Manis spotted at the National Championships in Perth by the Canberra NSL youth coach Stuart Devlin, who offered him a scholarship with the National League outfit.

Thirteen goals in 1983 and 20 in 1984 saw Manis the second leading scorer in the Youth League for both seasons.

Last year he also was voted the outstanding young player in the NSL Youth League.

So impressed were Canberra City Olympians considerable backers James Hardie Industries that Lamond was featured on 10,000 superbly produced promotional posters distributed throughout schools and the community in the ACT.

Manis lists cricket, swimming, tennis and rugby as other sports he participates in and not surprisingly is a fan of Brazilian football.

Lamond will become a bigger fan of the Brazilian game when he spends six weeks with leading Rio club Botafogo in November/December this year.

This trip is part of his contract with the Canberra club and is certain to have a positive influence on the youngster's career.

The likeable 18 year old wishes to play at the highest possible level in his future footballing career.

Which, on the glimpses we've seen so far, could really be something.



MANIS LAMOND ... a great talent

## WINNING BUT NOT PLEASING

WHEN Frank Arok was appointed national coach I could not agree more with the decision. If there was one man who could get the Soccerroos to Mexico it was Arok simply because he is a master of getting maximum results with limited resources (and I mean that in every sense of the word).

As results have shown, he has not let his supporters down so far but to achieve these wonderful results so far he has had to employ the tactics of so called modern football which unfortunately does not very often make for exciting or entertaining football, e.g. Australia v Vasco da Gama at the SCG, so while Arok and the Soccerroos are winning on the field they are not winning on the terraces.

Many people will claim, and rightly so that the Brussels disaster was the main reason for the poor crowds at the recent tournament but I feel the problem goes a lot deeper at least here in Sydney.

In recent years too many people have paid too much money to see so-called famous overseas teams serve up repeated sub-standard soccer too many times. The Sydney public know what is good soccer. There is still a large market for good soccer as Kevin Keegan proved. What Arok and the Soccerroos can do to woo the fans and win a place to Mexico, other than change their name to Sydney Croatia, I do not know.

Soccer Fan,  
Paddington,  
NSW.

# FIFA WINNER

**SAYS ALAN VEST  
(NSW DIRECTOR OF COACHING)**

PART II of the FIFA Project X was held in Sydney for 10 days recently. I was fortunate enough to be part of the course along with all the state directors, national coach Frank Arok, Eddie Thomson, Jimmy Shoulder, Les Scheinflug and Eric Worthington.

Also in attendance were the national coaches, national Youth coaches and national directors from New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Chinese Taipei.

These were many presentations from various coaches, but the co-ordinator and project manager for FIFA, Heinz Marotzke (himself a former national coach and top club coach) and Billy Bingham as chief instructor (current Northern Ireland coach and ex-Everton manager) were the principal staff.

Their presentations

both on and off the field were top-class and left all participants with food for thought and a great deal more knowledge.

It was no coincidence that the national team had games as that is the basis of Project X courses.

The potential Australian Youth squad for Russia was also in camp and took part in sessions with Bingham as well as course participants.

Coca-Cola are the major FIFA sponsors and the general organisation, which mainly fell on ASF executive director Brian Emery, who co-ordin-

ated things from the headquarters at the Camperdown Travelodge, enabled the smooth running of the course.

The consensus of opinion from both staff and participants was that it was the best courses held for a long time.

Soccer in all the Oceania Confederation countries will be the winner, as the knowledge acquired should benefit the game at all levels.

The following were some of the topics covered on the course:

Team preparations; Northern Ireland for the World Cup (in

Spain in 1982; New Zealand for the World Cup in Spain; Australian Youth team for Russia in 1985; Australian national team for qualification games of the World Cup); long-term preparation of a national team; modern youth training methods; responsibilities of a manager-coach before, during and after the match.

Many of the sessions were conducted on the field of play and to quote Billy Bingham: "As a coach you must work with players on the field to be sure of getting improvement."

THERE'S no doubt that Australian soccer at national level is now something to be proud of.

The steady improvement over the last few years is now at a point where we can hold our own with the world's best.

Maybe it's not the best yet but it is certainly deserving of better press coverage.

Any sensationalism is quickly pounced on and headlined ahead of the news that Australia had beaten one of the best teams in the world.

The results in the past two weeks were fantastic.

# YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD . . .

THE call-up of Graham Honeyman into the Socceroo squad gives hope to all professionals over 30 who may have thought their international chances were gone.

At 32, Honeyman obviously had given up all thoughts of an international career; now he knows it is never too late to play for your country.

Leslie Compton made his international debut for England, at 36.

My acquaintanceship with Honeyman began in 1977, when I took over as coach of West Adelaide in the inaugural Philips League.

He was my first signing.

He was on holiday in Tasmania and I took the trip to Hobart to sign him.

He has provided West Adelaide with solid, professional, efficient service since.

As a striker, midfielder, stopper, or sweeper he has been consistent and valuable for money.

This type of background and attributes are what coaches look for, especially in key defensive players.

Almost all goals come from the area of

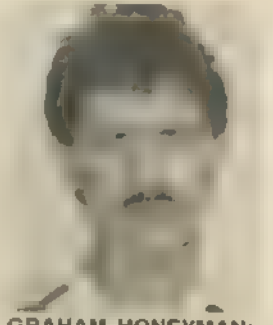
the field where the centre-backs and sweepers patrol.

Reliability and consistency are key attributes to those players.

There is no room for misjudgment and mistakes.

As with goalkeepers, mistakes in those areas will very often produce a goal.

Technically, the stopper, in modern soccer, can possess few skills yet be very effective in his role.



GRAHAM HONEYMAN:

The prime purpose of these players is to stop other people playing.

Manfred Schaefer

had poor technical skill and I believe he never scored a goal for St George in more than a decade.

During the time I coached there, we always sent Manfred up for corners, but he never scored.

But he sure could stop other people scoring.

So much so that the great Gerd Mueller of West Germany hardly got a kick against Manfred in the World Cup encounter with Australia in 1974.

Muller was very complimentary to Schaefer in the press following the game.

Mistake-free performances in defence usually come with experience, which is why you very rarely see young goalkeepers, or young central defenders in international teams.

Of course, the step up into international soccer is an imponder-

able which all players must adapt to, whether they are young or old.

The increased pressure, increased pace, increased crowd, increased skill, are all to be overcome.

Some players are able to do this and others are not — and this is what the national coach has got to find out.

It is this which causes a new national coach to often make many selections at the onset of his appointment.

However, if he does not get a relatively settled squad in a reasonable period of time, he is in trouble.

This was the strength of the successful Rale Rasic squad.

It was settled, secure and experienced.

The Arok squad is taking on the same qualities.



MANFRED SCHAEFER tells the boys all about Soccer

## EAGLES FIND FORM AT LONG LAST

BY SAN JIMMY

JUVENTUS-PIONEER and University threw away great chances to become clear leaders of the Pepsi Youth League competition in Tasmania.

Both sides could only draw against teams at the bottom end of the table and thus remain locked together on 13 points in first and second positions, respectively.

White Eagles celebrated their return to form by climbing above Olympia-WPL into third spot when they defeated the Greek side 4-0.

Juventus had most of the play in the first half against Caledonians and, despite some excellent shooting by midfielder maestro Frank Perri, had to be content with a 0-0 scoreline at the interval.

The closest Calies came to scoring in the first half was when Andrew Hart, the youngster with the lethal left-foot, cracked a right-foot shot against a post on the half-hour.

Juventus brought on substitute Mario Lanzi in place of Rocky Schiro at the interval and he scored twice in seven minutes to give his side what appeared to be a match-winning lead.

The league leaders were rocked, however, by goals from Shepherd and Neal, the second coming only seconds from the final whistle, which gave Calies a 2-2 draw and took them

off the foot of the table.

Calies might even have snatched a surprise win had Hart's 83rd minute effort not struck a post.

University looked anything but equal league leaders in the first half of their dreary match against Rapid.

The first real action of the game did not come until the 38th minute when Corongiu's shot from 25 metres forced the University goalkeeper to dive to his right and turn the ball out for a corner.

Malcolm Allen could have scored from the corner but he somehow got under the ball and headed it high across the goalmouth from where it was cleared.

Both defences stood firm and play was often congested and scrappy as the team tried to attack through the middle instead of the flanks.

University should have won the match four minutes from time when Tony Trivett was brought down in the penalty area after being put through by Tommy Pilkington.

Trivett's first penalty was saved by Miller, however, and when the referee

ordered it to be retaken because of an infringement by the goalkeeper, Miller pulled off yet another easy save to keep the match scoreless.

White Eagles scored twice in each half to beat Olympia 4-0 at KGV while Metro-Clearmont just scraped home by the odd goal in five to condemn Croatia-Glenorchy to last place.

White Eagles were without the League's leading scorer, Simon Templeman, who has his neck in a brace following a car accident in midweek, but goals from Young, Witek and Lasczak (2) did the trick.

Olympia lost goalkeeper Kosma Karydis through injury early on and even the presence on the field of new coach and former NSL star Lachi Vagianos did not prevent them from being outclassed against Eagles.

DETAILS Rapid 0 drew with University 0; Juventus-Pioneer 2 (Lanzi 2) drew with Caledonians 2 (Shepherd, Neal); Metro-Clearmont 3 (Garth, G. Hallam, Wright) d Croatia-Glenorchy 2 (Johnson, pen., Dzelalija); White Eagles 4 (Young, Witek, Lasczak 2 (including 1 pen.)) d Olympia-WPL 0.

## ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

## WALKER PUMPS UP PLAYERS

BY PHIL MURPHY

FERNHILL coach Gerry Walker has developed an effective way of making his team fire.

He threatens to name himself in the side. Last season he went to press with a statement that he was making a comeback after his team hit a mid-season slump.

It had an immediate effect — the team started winning games again and went on to take the title as well as the grand final.

Recently in a game against Shellharbour, Walker was on the bench and with Fernhill leading 1-0 and struggling to hold their advantage he started warming up on the sideline.

Almost immediately, Fernhill scored a second goal to clinch the game and they have been playing a lot better ever since.

Striker Steve Quinn says it isn't that the players don't want Walker in the side. "It's just that he would wreck the average age of the side for us young blokes," Quinn said.

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CRINGILA are having a successful season even though coach Darryl Glover has been forced out of retirement to play in goal.

Glover hadn't played in goal for 10 years but was forced to go between the posts when his goalkeepers went down with injuries.

He played in goal with Safeway United and the old Wollongong City club before switching to centre-half.

He made the switch because he felt being a goalkeeper would go against him when he started a coaching career.

Ironically, he was forced to play centre-half for the last two games of last season due to a shortage of first grade defenders at Cringila.

WEST-FIGTREE are in danger of missing out on the semi-finals for the second successive year.

Even though the tested coaching combination of Luke Robaard and Phil Carr has returned, Figtree are struggling to find form.

After 12 games, Figtree had played seven draws and held ninth place on the table — a far cry from their successful run prior to 1984.

Coach Robaard is confident the team will get into the top four but admits he has problems.

After the 1-1 draw against Cringila, he said the side lacked spark and were probably lucky to get away with a point.

The team are obviously missing goalkeeper Sean Billington, who is in Wollongong City's top line-up and centre-half Larry Berringer who is going so well in the State League with Fairy Meadow.

They are two players it would be hard to replace in any side.

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BELLAMBI midfielder Glen Shepherd has switched to Fernhill.

The talented Shepherd, equally at home playing sweeper, should be a big asset to Fernhill who have lost so much talent since their success last year.

Shepherd is a Bellambi junior product and has represented Illawarra.

He played a major role in Bellambi making the semi-finals last season and was going well when they started off so well this campaign.

After Bellambi lost four in a row and slipped from top place, Shepherd became unhappy at Elizabeth Park and Fernhill wasted no time snapping him up.

## 40 YEARS FOR MATT

SIR MATT BUSBY has been celebrating 40 years at Old Trafford with Manchester United.

Sir Matt, always looking ahead, has come up with a suggestion of a two-months break in mid-

winter in England

He says: "I used to be against a mid-season break but I now believe the Continentals are right."

"Mud, snow and ice are not ideal conditions for parading football skills."

# JUNIOR SCENE



Designed by  
**Keith Gilmour**

## MAGPIES ON THE WAY BACK AGAIN

GRADING of Granville Association in Group A did not do them a good turn this year.

All four Youth League grades have struggled for the respectable results that they had been taking for granted over past years.

It all stemmed from administrative problems, which quickly turned into a wholesale loss of talent.

So, with many new players joining in and doing their best, Granville has been hanging on whilst new plans have been formulated.

New convenor Brian Grant and his helpers

have reset their targets and brought in a new set of coaches.

He told us: "One of the main troubles is an image problem."

"We have clubs like Blacktown City and Melita on our doorstep and they run through to National League and State League First Division.

"That should not prevent boys from showing up through our ranks, and that is the message we have been getting over."

But perceptions are

only part of the deal and \$12,000 is being spent annually to redress the position.

Former Socceroo goalkeeper Allan Maher has been engaged to assist with the build up.

He handles the U14 team and doubles up with the U12 squad in the Metropolitan Championships.

The U16 coach is former Northern Ireland international and one-time Granville State League player and coach Mal O'Neill.

The U13s are under Tam Finlayson, whilst former Marconi player Mark Edwards tends to the U15s.

This year players in the clubs of this huge Association will have the chance to show their wares.

After further trials in September Brian Grant anticipates the 1986 squads will be known by mid October.

With an aggressive push on the coaching and administrative fronts Granville are on the way back.

## SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The split-up is a first prize of \$500, second \$250, third and fourth \$100 each and a consolation prize of \$50.

The prizes go to the five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and soccer organisations who make the best contributions to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the publishing period this year to September 30.

Contribution can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white although colour snaps are usually satisfactory as well.

The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

## HE'S ENMESHED!



IN spite of making a valiant attempt, this young goalkeeper has failed to save and the ball has thudded into the net behind him.

## MIGHTY MIDGETS AT PUNCHBOWL

PUNCHBOWL SOCCER CLUB has held back the final entry date for its huge Under 10 tournament until June 30.

The club believes that between 80 and 120 teams will enter the series, which is named the "Four 'n Twenty Pies Trophy" after the sponsor.

Club secretary and longtime local official Fred Corben said: "By holding back the final date we have ensured that we will get plenty of co-operation from the associations."

"They have their problems due to catch up after the recent heavy rains."

Club wishing to join in can ring Mr Corben on 705 5897 to make their arrangements.

The tournament has been endorsed by the Minister for Sport Michael Cleary, Minister for Local Government Kevin Stewart, Wes Davoren MP and Canterbury Major Kevin Moss.

Former leading soccer official Peter McCann of Spicers Papers has given a lot of assistance.

Promotions officer Graham Townsend points out that entries so far stretch from Newcastle down to Nowra and out past Penrith in the west.

The matches will

centre on Punchbowl Oval and will commence on Sunday July 28 and run to Sunday August 27.

Track tops go to the

winning team and trophies to the runners-up.

Punchbowl Soccer Club was formed in 1927 by Mr J. Paris.

## PATRIOTS IN COOMA

THE trip from California to Cooma is no short one, but the San Jose Patriots under 19 team will be there from June 25/30.

San Jose are believed to be the first youth team from the Californian Youth Soccer Assn to visit Australia.

They will play the Cooma U19 team twice. Cooma won the ACT Junior League U18 competition last season.

The games have been set down for Wed June 26 at 2pm and Sat June 29 at 1.30pm.

San Jose is 45 miles south of San Francisco, in the Silicon Valley area.

The club has 45 teams ranging from U8 to U19 and play in the Central Valley League.

On arrival in Sydney San Jose stay with Gympie Soccer Club for three days. After Cooma they spend two weeks in New Zealand.

This is the players' last year in High School before they move on to further education.

Tour organiser Dave Starr of Cooma Soccer Club has been provided with a big list of San Jose's previous trips.

In 1978 they toured the UK as under 12, Canada in 1980 as U14, Washington in 1981 as U15 and Hawaii in 1983.

## NORTH RYDE MOVES

GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY Football Association and their growing Second Division club have put their heads together for a major promotion.

They will undertake a Soccer Promotion right at the huge Macquarie Shopping Centre at North Ryde on Thursday evening July 25.

Players from the GHFA Youth League and State League clubs will be participating.

Proceedings begin at 6pm and all the emphasis will be on the skills of the game.

## CHS AT CROMER

THE players competing in the NSWCHS Inter-Regional Championships from Tues June 25/Thurs June 27 have a tremendous incentive to succeed.

Apart from success in the Championship there is the aim for selection in the NSW squad for the New Zealand tour.

This precedes the Australian Schools Championship, to be held in Canberra from September 2/6.

And then the pieces are being laid in place for the Australian Schoolboys team to tour England and Wales from December 28 to January 20 next.

Experienced Glen Powell is NSW coach again. He will be assisted in his selections by Chris James and NSW Convenor and manager Greg McNaught.

Chris James pointed out to us just some of talented players who will be in action at the Championships.

Included are Ku-ring-gai midfielder Brian Ellem, who represents North Sydney.

Promising Central Coast striker Derek Caisley will appear, along with NSW U18 players Paul Quarumby, David Barrett, Dragon Pupovac and Jason van Blerk.

## QUEENSLAND'S BIG DATES

U12 — Harry Linning Competition, Acacia Ridge, June 3 to July 6.

U13 — State Championship, Yandina, June 27 to July 5.

U14 — State Championship, Townsville, June 27 to July 5.

U15 — State Championship, Mt Isa, June 27 to July 5.

## SCHOOL SOCCER HAVOC

WET weather has caused some havoc in the schools' soccer series in the Hunter Region.

Convenor John Hobson (Commonwealth Bank Cup) Dudley Lewis (Bill Turner Cup) and Paul Freeman (Rudy Roth Trophy — Ku-ring-gai Cup) have all experienced difficulties in arranging games.



To oblige, some coaches have agreed to matches being played on some very poor grounds.

In one instance the referee declared the ground unfit for play but both coaches decided that the game would proceed, with one of the coaches taking the whistle.

It is to the credit of the coaches in the Hunter that the games have moved along steadily.

— BILL TURNER

# BACKGROUNDS HELP S.A. KIDS

THE odds against Uruguan-born Juan Carlos Buzzetti and Irish-born John Brannigan together helping South Australian soccer schoolboys would once have defied mathematical calculations.

But the pair are at the helm in Adelaide for South Australia's 1985 attempt to win the Australian National under 13 crown. This dedicated duo saw their team run fourth in the 1984 nationals and have set out to well and truly better that record this year.

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

Juan began playing football back in primary schools competitions in Uruguay at the age of six.

He worked his way through mini league and junior league to amateur and semi-professional ranks.

In 1971/74 he played in the First Division National indoor competition after which he turned his hand to coaching.

In Australia he was assistant coach with First Division Birkalla and then took over as senior coach for the Port Adelaide First Division side.

He is a staff coach instructor for the SA Soccer Federation, senior coach in 1983/84 for the North West junior district, and in 1981 worked with the SA technical committee for the World Youth Championship.

The Brannigan story began at 11 years in school soccer and then he played junior grade for Belfast Celtic.

As a goalkeeper he represented against England as a schoolboy. Next he was off to Manchester when he received coaching by Harry Gregg and Bobby Charlton.

In 1964 John moved out to Australia where



he coached and played at Whyalla.

In 1968 he worked with the Whyalla junior zone team and began coaching boys

with Whyalla Wanderers and Whyalla City.

Apart from his U13 state managership, John Brannigan is a

JOHN BRANNIGAN  
(LEFT) AND  
JUAN CARLOS  
BUZZETTI

## FROM U16 TO NSL

IN Sydney there is a strengthening feeling that there is a deal to be said for Under 16 players jumping up to the U19 National Youth League.

As it stands, youngsters have no intermediate grade when they outgrow Under 16 and are ambitious to reach the heights.

But according to one long-time observer, this is an advantage, rather than the reverse.

"What they get is exposure to the game amongst older players. If they are good enough they make it," he said.

The other point is that bringing a few players each year into the senior squad from the NSL Youth League

leads to continuity of supply.

But, our informant points out, there are still NSL clubs who are not using the system properly and building up playing treasurers for their future.

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## TURNER CUP

### Round One

St Marys Gateshead  
d Moutview, Lambton  
5 d Belmont 4, Irrawang  
d Broadmeadow, Waratah 8 d  
Swansea 0, Singleton  
2 d Rutherford 0, Cardiff  
9 d Nelson Bay 1, Morrisett  
12 d St Pauls Borragul  
1 Glendale 1 d Raymond  
Terrace 0, Gateshead 2 d  
Newcastle 1, Maitland  
Boys 7 d Newcastle Grammar  
0, Scone 4 d Muswellbrook  
3, Jesmond 2 d Francis  
Greenway 1, Francis Xavier  
Hamilton 3 d St Peters  
Maitland 1.

## S.A. CLAIM SNUBBED

THERE is a lot of unhappiness in Adelaide with the dropping of local players Steve Nisicli and Brett Thomson from the National under 16 squad.

The team will go to China in July without any representation from South Australia.

Nisicli plays in goal for the main Adelaide City team which competes in the SA Second Division.

He is good enough to be called in to sit on the bench when Adelaide City's Olympic Airways Soccer League side plays at home.

— VIC MIGLIACCIO

[National coach Vic Dalglish told us that he has sifted through a big pool of players, many of whom are extremely close in ability. Vic said: "I have my own good reasons for picking the members of the squad."

"Another coach would have made some changes no doubt, so I can sympathise with those that have been left behind."]

## "KODAK KIDS" GET TOGETHER

THE Australian team selected for the first World under 16 tournament for the Kodak Cup is expected to assemble in Sydney on July 20.

This would allow for work under coach Vic Dalglish and his assistant Bruce Stowell before setting off to China on July 26.

The youngsters first play Argentina (July 31), followed by Congo (August 2) and West Germany (August 4).

Should Australia win its group, the squad will stay in

Tianjin for its next match.

If the Green and Gold run second the boys go to Beijing for their game.

Open-necked shirts will be the order of the day as part of the team uniform.

At the time of the year the temperature could be about the 32-35° C mark.

## YOUTH LEAGUE

## APIA STARS

APIA-LEICHHARDT was the only club to end up with four wins from four grades on Saturday.

The victories came at Sutherland's home ground at Bates Drive. A club official said that APIA could achieve its ambition of being in the top four in all grades and then taking out the club championship.

The under 16 side won 4-1, with goals coming from Paul De Luca, Con Coiro, Peter Bourke and Aldo Radice.

Their coach Tony Raciti said modestly: "This is a great young team. It would not matter who coached them, they would go well."

"APIA 16s won their competition as Under U14s and 15s. Probably no club has achieved the aim of winning three years in a row."

The under 15 match was deadlocked until Joe Russo got the breakthrough.

In under 14 Tom Billotta scored the winner, whilst the U13s' three goals were spread between Jason Anderson (2) and Aron Brown.

The club is fortunate to have two of the best sponsorships available for juniors anywhere in NSW.

Haberfield Mitsubishi and Nick Scali Furniture assist them to the extent of \$8000 for the year.

APIA has confirmed the appointment of its coaching quartet for 1986 — their fourth successive year.

They are former APIA-Leichhardt and NSW winger Graeme Mackinnon, Frank La Machhia, Robert Gabnelli and Tony Raciti.

Saturday's Youth League round was once again severely affected by closure of grounds due to adverse weather late in the week.

In fact competitions secretary Howard Smith can't recall a worse season since the early seventies.

He said: "I was playing then and at one stage we only got in one game in nine week."

## GLADESVILLE SPARKS MIDFIELDERS

Midfield players in Gladesville-Hornsby Youth League and club teams will receive a big boost on Friday night.

Local Director of Coaching John McDonald has arranged for Alan Vest to give a practical demonstration of midfielder play at Lower Eastwood Oval at 7:30pm.

All interested are invited to come along for what will be a worthwhile exposition of the arts.

The local U12 Metropolitan Championship squad will be used in the demonstrations.

### YOUTH LEAGUE ROUND 13 — SAT JUNE 22 GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Sutherland v APIA	1-3	0-1	0-1	1-4
Nepean v St George	0-2	0-1	0-1	1-0
Illawarra v Granville	4-0	2-0	9-0	0-0

### GROUP B

Southern Dists v Avala	1-0	0-4	1-1	2-1
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### GROUP C

Macarthur v Bankstown	0-0	2-0	1-1	2-1
Blacktown v Campbelltown	8-1	0-0	2-0	1-1

All other games deferred due the ground closures

### DEFERRED GAMES — SUN JUNE 23

### GROUP A

Nepean v APIA	2-2	1-2	0-0	1-0
Olympic v St George	3-0	0-0	0-2	5-1
Sutherland v Illawarra	0-3	2-0	1-1	2-3
Granville v Blacktown City	1-0	0-0	0-9	1-2

### GROUP B

Melita v Gladesville	0-0	6-0	1-1	0-3
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### GROUP C

Sydney City v Blacktown	1-1	2-1	1-4	3-1
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### METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U11	U12
Canterbury v Central Coast	1-2	2-1
Gladesville v Blacktown	3-0	6-1
Ku-ring-gai v Illawarra	—	1-0
Granville v Sutherland	—	2-1
Nepean v St George	2-0	—
Macarthur v Southern Dists	0-2	0-4
Bankstown, bye		

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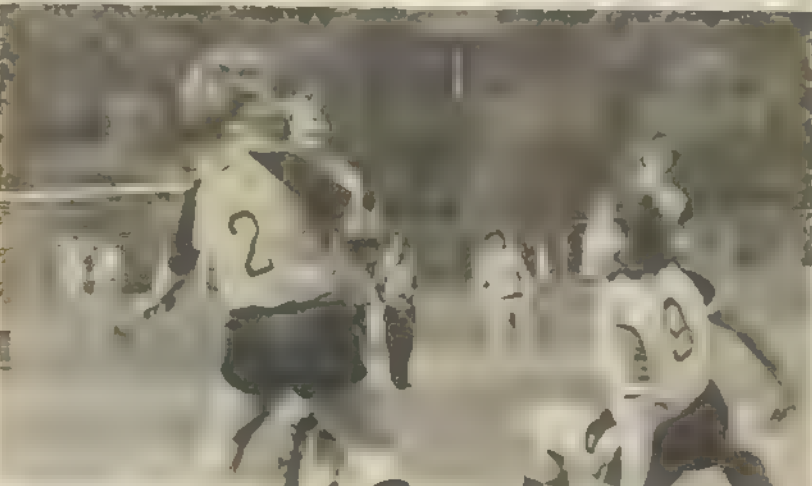
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**KILLARNEY'S** Coach, Thomas Petrov. Thomas also coached North Harbour to win the NSW Championship, staged recently at Albury-Woodonga. North Harbour defeated St George 2-1 in the Final.

LEFT BELOW: RITA CHEEVERS (left) watches as Jodie Byers wishes the ball outside the post in this Women's State League action between Forest Rangers (white shirts) and Epping-Eastwood at Morrisons Bay.



## VICKI SALMONS ON RECOVERY TRIAL



**AUSTRALIA's** World Cup goalkeeper, Vicki Salmons, is well on the way to making a recovery.

Vicki, who plays for NSW State League club, Killarney Heights, kicked off the season disastrously when at a preseason training session she badly damaged her left knee.

Within 24 hours after the injury, Vicki received major surgery to repair damage to her medial and cruciate ligaments and had her leg placed in plaster.

Now some seven weeks out of plaster, Vicki has undertaken daily physio treatment as well as some light gym training.

And if that isn't enough, the Australian goalkeeper is up at the crack of dawn every chilly morning doing laps at the nearby swimming pool to

tone up her muscles.

"It is almost unbearable being laid up and not able to play Soccer. The quicker I'm back into my penalty area the better", Vicki told us last night.

Meanwhile the NSW State goalkeeper's position is wide open for the forthcoming National Championship with two girls from Forest Rangers as likely candidates for Vicki's vacated jersey.

Toni McMahon is the most experienced, but is currently playing sweeper for 'Rangers' whilst Rose Van Bruinessen is in Western Australia.

The other likely candidate for the NSW goalkeeping job, is 'Ranger's' custodian, Janine Adams.



**CLAUDIA FOLEY-NORTH**, demonstrates her ball control skill whilst playing for the Northern Harbour 'B' team in the NSW's Women's State Championships at Albury-Woodonga recently.

LEFT: THIS was a goal from a brilliant overhead kick by Forest Rangers' Chris Bradley (No.9). Epping-Eastwood's outstanding full-back prospect, Anne-Marie Hiron (No.2), has just missed covering the shot.

RIGHT: NSW State League club, Epping-Eastwood's defence under pressure. Goalkeeper, Jennie Starha clears the ball with Jodie Byers (No.4) and Sue Andrews (No.6) having covered the attack from Forest Rangers.

BELOW LEFT: NSW State Reps at a training session shows Seven Hills' midfielder, Sharon Baird (centre), with Killarney Heights' energetic midfielder Margaret Petrov (right) in support, come up against Julie Dolan.

The State players are preparing for the forthcoming National titles in August to be staged in Victoria this year.

RIGHT BELOW: GOALKEEPER, Jennie Starha is well-positioned to make a save for Epping-Eastwood. Also in the picture from left to right are Sue Andrews, Jodie Byers and Australian captain, Julie Dolan.





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# MELITA BACK TO FORM

MELITA ..... 4  
BANKSTOWN ..... 1

MELITA returned to something resembling their best form yesterday when they downed Bankstown National 4-1 at Melita Stadium.

In the first minute Don Allan put the Eagles ahead with a beautifully deflected header following a fine corner from Jay O'Rourke.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Bankstown worked their way back and in the 22nd minute they got a well deserved equaliser when Hassan drove a free-kick in from 17 metres.

The writing was on the wall for another complete collapse as Melita began to lose composure but fortunately for them Bankstown were unable to capitalise on this flaw.

In the 58th minute Andrew Callanan finished off a fine move instigated by Jay O'Rourke and involving McPherson, Farrugia and Allan.

Four minutes from the end Ray Farrugia scored and two minutes later Donny Allan grabbed his second to complete the rout.

MANLY ..... 0

FAIRY

MEADOW ..... 1

FAIRY

MEADOW came up from the coast and conquered Manly in the same way they have done so to others, by scoring the one goal and 'bottling up' the match.

Faced by a jam-packed defence Manly moved forward in numbers

only to be left exposed once too often and pay.

Glen Berlinger scored following a Fairy Meadow counter-attack, the makeshift Manly defence had coped on all but this one

occasion with the Fairy Meadow style of attack.

SUTHERLAND ..... 0  
WARRINGAH ..... 0

WARRINGAH put together a fine, gutsy performance to restrict John Lavin's highly fancied Sutherland side to a

0-0 draw at Seymour Shaw.

Warringah played a physical match that on occasions earned them the wrath of the referee, to the extent where no less than six yellow cards were shown.

However strong the tactics they proved successful and Warringah must be congratulated for it.

For their part the Sharks could never come to terms with the opposition's style and struggled to get out of second gear.

CANTERBURY ..... 2

POLONIA ..... 0

CANTERBURY continued their winning form of recent weeks with an authoritative but uninspiring 2-0 win over a very much improved Polonia side.

This victory was hard come by as Olympic battled furiously to ward off a determined Polonia outfit.

Both sides had ample scoring opportunities but Polonia failed to take theirs and suffered.

Canterbury went ahead after half an hour through a Spiro Hantzis penalty, following a foul on the enigmatic Nelio Borges.

Polonia should have equalised only five minutes later when a penalty from veteran Henry Sobczyk hit the post and was subsequently cleared.

But luck was to prove not on Polonia's side when Paul Kirwan race clear in the 84th minute and scored with a shot from an acute angle.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Karaayros, Hantzis, Radman, Pena, Ortega (Katsaras), Kirwan, Anagnostopoulos, Silva, Borges, Basterfield.

POLONIA: Anderson, Simionescu, Chau, Lasek, Vujinovic, Kodor (Geekie), Sobczyk, Coliasso, Mahamah, Janic, Bratkovic.

ROCKDALE ..... 0  
AVALA ..... 1

AVALA finally got back on the winning list with an impressive 1-0 win over Atti Abonyi's Rockdale Ilinden outfit at a cold Hurstville Oval yesterday.

However Rockdale can consider themselves a little unlucky as they contrived to hit the crossbar twice in the opening 15 minutes through Trajanovski and Risteovski.

They were even further dismayed 10 minutes later when Geoff Wilson missed out by inches with a powerful drive.

With a large crowd behind both sides the players lifted to game to surprising standards and these standards were capped off by a fine goal by Richard Atlagic in the 78th minute.

Then a blow to Rockdale's equalising aspirations when midfielder Jimmy Risteovski was sent from the field after committing a foul when he already had been given the yellow card.

From then on Avala contrived to bottle up the match and thwart any attempts by Rockdale to get an equaliser.

ROCKDALE: Kotzahombos, Blackburn, G.Wilson (Beleganos 75), D.Wilson, Forrester, Papas, Nas-tevski, Pilovski, Brown, Trajanovski, Risteovski.

AVALA: Thurlow, Jordan, Pratt, Lembyrk, Divani, Cootes, Atlagic, Andersen (Lucchesi 80), Tracey, Carney, Price (Da Silva 82).

KU-RING-GAI ..... 1  
URUGUAY AU-  
BURN ..... 0

After their 1-0 defeat of Uruguay, the consensus of opinion in the Ku-ring-gai dressing rooms was that no matter how the points are won they all count in the end.

The match was not taken in any great style but a win is a win.

Uruguay brought with them into this match two overseas internationals by the names of Estavillo (as reported in ASW a few weeks ago) and Vitti both from Argentina.

Ku-ring-gai missed no less than half-a-dozen goalscoring opportunities and when the decisive goal came it was left to big defender Lee Wat-

son to do the honours. A corner from Andrew Brockbank was nodded on by Mark Nile to Watson who calmly picked his spot and put the ball in.

Dennis Ford's side came close on a couple of other occasions when goal-line clearances were needed to prevent goals but all in all they did just enough and no more to take the points.

One sad point out of the Ku-ring-gai club this week was the retirement of veteran midfielder Allan Bourke through an ankle injury sustained in the first round.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Goldsworthy, Kavern, Bertram, Watson (Jesse 75), Quigley, Bennett, Sutherland, Brockbank, Nile, Bass.

URUGUAY: Tabernaberril, Jones, Piriz, Hastie, Kralovic, Estavillo, Varela (Vitti 85), Cuba, Rodas, Roldan.

POLONIA ..... 3  
WARRINGAH ..... 1

The Narrabeen Fitness Camp ground was well and truly awash but it bothered Polonia none as they belatedly chalked up their first win of the 1985. Polonia dominated the first half, a half that was all too often interrupted by the sound of the referee's whistle.

Warringah defied the territorial advantage of the revamped Polonia outfit and went ahead through Murray Gale just before half time.

Polonia hit back for the equaliser soon after half time when Warringah keeper Peter Dean failed to hold the slippery ball

at the near post and two more goals one by Paul Collings the Warringah defender made it 3-1.

Warringah were unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions, a goal-bound Murray Gale header stopped dead in the mud on the goal-line and John Van Helden missed an easy opportunity when he only had the keeper to beat.



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## TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26:

FAIRY MEADOW v SUTHERLAND SHIRE ..... TOWRADGI PARK  
(1st and 2nd grades only)

SATURDAY JUNE 29:

POLONIA v SUTHERLAND ..... CHOPIN PARK

SUNDAY JUNE 30:

FAIRY MEADOW v KU-RING-GAI ..... CORRIMAL MEM PK

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL v MANLY WARRINGAH ..... JENSEN PARK

URUGUAYAN AUBURN v ROCKDALE ILINDEN ..... MONA PARK

CANT M'VILLE OLY v AVALA ..... ARLINGTON OVAL

WARRINGAH N'BEEN v MELITA EAGLES ..... NARRABEEN F/C

### SECOND DIVISION

SATURDAY JUNE 29:

Bathurst '75 v Campbelltown City

Proctor Park

Artamon v Nth Bankstown

Artamon Res.

Dee Why v Penrith

Cromer Park

SUNDAY JUNE 30:

Queens Park v Gladesville Hornsby

S/H/Q Parklea

SSC Yugal v Penrith United

Potts Park

Blacktown United v Cant & Dist

Francis Park

Dee Why v Wollongong Mac

Cromer Park

### THIRD DIVISION

SATURDAY JUNE 29:

King Tomislav v Bondi Marine

Croatian S/C

C'belltown Dist v Moorebank L'pool

Bensley Road

Mt Druitt Town v Uni of NSW

Popondetta Park

SUNDAY JUNE 30:

Port Hacking v Rooty Hill

Seymour Shaw Pk

Baulkham Hills v Granville Dist

Ted Horwood 3

Uni of NSW v Kingsford

Little Bay Oval

Mt Druitt Town v North Ryde RSL

Popondetta Park

SATURDAY JULY 6:

SUTHERLAND SHIRE v AVALA ..... SEYMOUR SHAW PARK

SUNDAY JULY 7:

ROCKDALE ILINDEN v FAIRY MEADOW ..... HURSTVILLE OVAL

KU-RING-GAI v MANLY WARRINGAH ..... PARKLANDS OVAL

CANTERBURY M'VILLE v URUGUAY AUBURN ..... ARLINGTON OVAL

MELITA EAGLES v POLONIA ..... MELITA STADIUM

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## ALFRED WAS LEFT OUT

ALFREDO REMEDIOS is the best-known Brazilian Soccer-watcher in Australia but he claims he was ignored by the Australian Soccer Federation for the recent visit of Vasco da Gama.

Alfredo, who supplies snippets on Brazil to the Australian media, was willing to act as liaison officer with Vasco but was not given the job by the ASF.

Strangely enough, the International Series promoter Peter Sheean claimed he was very anxious to find a "minder" for Vasco but had difficulty getting somebody with a fluent command of the English and Portuguese languages.

Remedios would have been the ideal choice — having helped Brazil's national team in Australia at the 1981 World Youth Championship.

AT the end of the Italian season, the foreign mercenaries were listed on a roll of merit. And the gifted, though temperamental, Maradona of Naples was top of the list.

Here are the foreign players in merit order:—

1. Maradona, 2. Junior, 3. Hateley, 4. Briegel, 5. Souness, 6. Wilkins, 7. Platini, 8. Rummenigge, 9. Cerezo, 10. Borbadillo.

The mystery is the low placing of Frenchman Michel Platini, who is rated by many good judges as the world's greatest footballer.

# STIELIKE FOR SWISS CLUB

THAT great German sweeper Uli Stielike has finally cut adrift from Spanish football where he starred for Real Madrid.

Stielike has decided to settle in Switzerland and will play for the Xamax Neuchatel club next season.

(Incidentally, Xamax were Australia's final trial horses in 1974 before playing in the World Cup in Hamburg.)

As a parting gift to Real Madrid, Stielike

scored a goal in Real's Cup-winning match.

## SCOTS STAY HOME!

FOLLOWING the banning of English teams, Scotland applied to UEFA for another Scottish team to play in next year's UEFA Cup.

The request was turned down.

To replace Liverpool, Norwich City, Southampton and Tottenham, UEFA invited teams from USSR, France, Czechoslovakia and the Netherlands.

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IT'S coach-sacking time in West Germany. In recent weeks, four Bundesliga clubs have dumped their coaches.

The clubs are Borussia Dortmund, Karlsruhe, Eintracht Braunschweig and Fortuna Dusseldorf.



ULI STIELIKE

## A LOU FROM LISBON

IT'S not only in Britain that the fans go off their heads and behave like mongrels.

In Lisbon recently, a Portuguese spectator was banned from all grounds in the country for the next two years.

Jose Romaneiro did not like the way the match between Tires and Cacem was handled by the referee — so he ran on to the pitch and started throwing punches at the ref.

In court, in addition to his two-year suspension, Romaneiro was also fined \$55, to be given to the referee as compensation.

## TELE SANTANA GETS TOUGH

WHEN Tele Santana replaced Evaristo as Brazil's national coach, he immediately sacked 10 players chosen by Evaristo for World Cup duty.

One of those dumped was former Youth team whiz kid Geovani, who immediately hopped a plane for Melbourne to play in the Australian International series for Vasco da Gama.

Geovani, however, was clearly not on the best of terms with Vasco coach Edu and had to be content with two belated appearances as a second half substitute.

Brazil's World Cup worries would be considerably eased if Falcao, perhaps the nation's most gifted player, recovers soon from a serious knee operation.



GEOVANI

## RACISTS UPSET JUNIOR

JUNIOR, who had a fine debut season in Italy with Torino, may have to return to his Brazilian homeland — because of attacks from Italian spectators.

"The Italians don't seem to like me," said Junior. "Every day I am insulted by people who call me a black pig — and I cannot understand why."

As one of the world's great full-backs or midfielders, Junior will be badly missed by Torino if he switches to a Brazilian club.

## HOPE FOR WALES!

IT is not known yet whether Spain, Scotland or Wales will play the Oceania group winner in the final elimination for the next year's World Cup but it seems Wales would be the least difficult opponent.

In a friendly fixture in Bergen, Wales lost 4-2 to Norway. And Norway are not European giants.

## VALENCIA BROKE

VALENCIA, one of Spain's leading clubs are facing bankruptcy and could go out of business.

The club has debts of more than \$12,000,000.

Valencia's directors are struggling to pay off the interest, never mind the capital, and coach Roberto Gil, who sees no future with the club, has walked out.

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ONCE again Michel Platini finished the Italian season as leading goalscorer in first division.

Platini scored 18 goals for Juventus.



ZIBBY BONIEK



## DOUBTS ABOUT DOC'S JOB

ALTHOUGH Tommy Docherty insists his job as Wolves boss is safe, he is at present on a week-to-week contract.

The Doc said: "My contract has just expired but I have a verbal offer from two of the club directors."

Despite this, there are rumours that Mick Channon, the ageless Norwich City star, is being lined up for Wolverhampton.

If Docherty does leave, it'll be the 11th UK club he has left.

## NOBODY WANTS PETER

PETER SHILTON, possibly the only world-class footballer in England, has never attracted offers from European clubs.

That mystifies his former Nottingham Forest team-mate Peter Withe.

Says Withe: "When we played at Forest, I always reckoned Peter saved us at least 15 points every season. Continental clubs pay out millions for players but they've shown no interest in a world-rated goalkeeper like Shilton."

"In my book, he's the world's best goalie."

## BANNED CLUBS FIGHT BACK

ENGLISH clubs banned from Europe because of the Brussels disaster are discussing forming their own little knock-out competition.

### BOB'S BID FOR BERTH

NEWCASTLE UNITED are keen to buy goalkeeper Bob Bolder from Liverpool but they will wait until they are sure he has recovered from a broken ankle.

Bolder had the thankless task of spending the past two years as understudy to Bruce Grobbelaar and he is sick of waiting for a first team chance at Anfield.

He is determined to leave Liverpool and was all set to join Newcastle last month when he broke his ankle.

It would fill some empty dates on their fixture list — and bring in much-needed revenue.

Surprisingly, the Football League is not opposing the suggested new competition.

MARTIN BUCHAN, former Manchester United skipper, is working on a coaching course and hopes to land a managerial job.

Stoke City are keeping an eye on Buchan's progress.

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JOHN GREGORY, of QPR, one of several so-called stars who disappointed when England toured Australia in 1983, is ready to switch clubs.

Gregory is a transfer target for Ipswich Town.

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IPSWICH TOWN were booked to fly to Africa's Ivory Coast for a close-season tour so they spent \$1,400 to get all tour members inoculated.

Then the tour was called off. And Ipswich can't get their money back!



PETER SHILTON

## JOHN WILL STAY

JOHN GIDMAN was the forgotten man of Manchester United for a long time, but not any longer.

At 31, Gidman has been offered a new two-year contract at Old Trafford, which seems reasonable reward for his excellent performance in the F.A. Cup Final against Everton.

## COWANS COMEBACK

AFTER 18 months out of football, Aston Villa's Gordon Cowans seems well on the way to full recovery.

Cowans has overcome the terrible double fracture of his leg and is already playing well enough to impress England's World Cup coach Don Howe.



Mexico's Miguel Espana and Manuel Negrete chase England's Ray Wilkins in the recent international in Mexico City.

# UK Scene

## 'DALGLISH SHOULD RETIRE'

**TOMMY SMITH**, the old Liverpool favourite, is doubtful about the wisdom behind the appointment of Ken Dalglish as Liverpool player-manager.

Says Tommy: "However well the personalities get on over a drink, it's still a 'them and us' situation."

"Kenny will be neither them nor us. The only way he can change this is by retiring as a player."

"That's why I was surprised at his appointment. He has a good few years left in him as a player."



KENNY DALGLISH

## SUBS COST TOO MUCH!

**CHELSEA** spoke out against a proposal for Football League clubs to have two substitutes, not one, in matches next season.

Chairman Ken Bates told the League's AGM that he was against the proposal on the grounds of extra cost.

"Appearance money, bonuses and travelling expenses would all rise by eight per cent," warned Bates.

Yet Chelsea seem to have no trouble finding enormous sums of money to keep their star players at Stamford Bridge.

They have given new contracts to players like Colin Pates, Kerry Dixon, Dave Speedie, Joe McLaughlin, John Bumstead and Eddie Niedzwicki... and

each contract is worth around \$1,000 a week for the next five years!

"Money can't replace the quality of these players," said manager John Neal when he discussed the long-term deals.

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**STOKE CITY** would like their former player Denis Smith to take over as manager but cannot afford to pay the compensation York City would demand to release him.

Now it's suggested Stoke will make a bid for John Toshack, who has just left Portugal's Sporting Lisbon.

## WATFORD'S SINGLE PROBLEM

**GRAHAM TURNER**, Watford's boss, says he wants to buy wedding presents for his players, never mind the expense.

He blames bachelorhood for many of Watford's player problems.

Taylor said: "I've never had so many bachelors in my squad. Players are more mature and stable when they are married because they are more aware of their responsibilities to other people."



**ENGLAND** wins the ball-but not the game. Centre-half Dave Watson in action for England against Mexico in the Azteca Stadium. The Mexicans won 1-0.

## EVERTON BID FOR LINEKER

**EVERTON** are top of the queue to buy Gary Lineker from Leicester City even though his transfer would fetch nearly \$2,000,000.

Lineker, recently promoted to the English international front line, has been offered a "double your money" contract by Leicester but says he wants to play for a club with better prospects.

If Lineker does join Everton, Graeme Sharp could leave — possible to join Manchester United.

There is a question mark hanging over the future of Frank Stapleton at United.

The Irish centre-forward is wanted in Europe, with Bordeaux particularly keen to sign him.

But don't rule out the chance of his returning to Arsenal.

## LUCESCU TIPS RIVAL WIN!

**COACH** of Romania's World Cup squad Mircea Lucescu surprised a lot of people by stating recently that England had already as good as qualified for the World Cup in Mexico.

Since Romania are in the same qualifying group as England, it's not surprising his comment seemed out of place.

The Romanian coach says the battle now is for the runners-up spot between Romania, Northern Ireland, Turkey and Finland.

Lucescu said: "This is the most impressive England side we've seen for many years. In the next 24 months, very few teams will beat them."

